Poverty

1963: US Sets Official Poverty Line: 3 times cost of food for year. Weekly intake: Women, aged 20-34: 4 eggs, 1.25 lbs meat/fish, 3lbs potatoes, 12 ounces yellow or green vegetables, 3lbs other vegetables, 8 ounces fat or oil.

Cost in 1995 dollars = $97.06 per week for family of 4. Multiplied by 52 weeks = $5047. Poverty line= 3 times basic = $15141

What went wrong?