

It seems to me that minimum wage was what I earned when I first worked on a neighboring farm, driving a tractor all day tilling a dusty field. I was probably 14 at the time, and was paid \$1.25 an hour. Many teenagers have few skills when they start their first job, so they start out at “minimum wage” and then they earn raises as their skills increase.

So I wonder when “minimum wage” became a level that a single mother of two children needs to live on. Perhaps she needs \$15. an hour to support her family, but my question is, what about hiring a teenager who has no job skills?

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