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*MOURN ON THE FOURTH OF JULY, PUT ASIDE YOUR CELEBRATIONS FOR "AN AMERICAN NIGHTMARE: THE NEW HOMELESS"*

## ***NBC'S DATELINE GRILLS UP SOME LIBERAL GUILT WITH YOUR FIREWORKS DISPLAY***

Happy birthday, America. You suck. That seems to be the attitude of NBC News. Check out this promo, displayed at the end of *Today* this morning, for the July 4th *Dateline*. Over video of a man in a factory, a woman at a computer terminal, and a woman standing with a cardboard help-me sign by the highway, the announcer intoned:

**"Friday — They had good jobs, making good money. But now they've lost almost everything. An American nightmare: The new homeless. All new *Dateline* Friday."**

MSNBC.com modified the promo only slightly. Instead of having "lost almost everything," the story's subjects are "living either at or below the poverty line." The Republicans-are-in, homelessness-is-back story will be reported by John Hockenberry, the liberal former NPR reporter and MSNBC talk-show host.

NBC can't even refrain from their liberal agenda stories on Independence Day, a day to celebrate the opportunities the U.S. presents to all citizens.