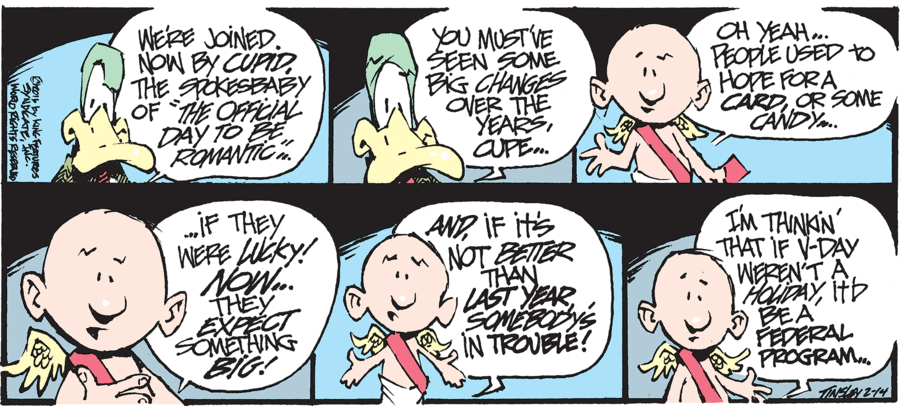
**ANALOGY: Valentine’s Day is like Welfare**

* *Mallard Fillmore*
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* <http://mallardfillmore.com/comics/february-14-2016/>



* Started with the best of intentions
  + Now warped into a perversion of its former self
* Something for nothing
* While can be for anyone, it’s especially for certain people
* Something that’s always there – now it seems “natural,” expected, like it’s always been there
* A holiday, a special day, a break, a reward, a day of exception, a suspension of work
* Sense of entitlement
* Escalation: more & more each year

**BUT**

* If you’re in favor of Valentine’s Day, or look at it favorably
* Then you might look to other government programs
* **SOCIAL SECURITY**:
  + a reward for hard work
  + you’ve paid into something & now it’s time to get something back
  + the government doesn’t “have to” give us money back (it could just keep it!)
  + maybe there’s a sense of need – just when you need it most (that time of life or of the year that something like this come in handy, just in time)
  + …

\* I’m neither agreeing nor disagreeing with Tinsley – merely showing how an analogy topic can be sparked by something in the newspaper.