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Subject: How equal are we?

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I just finished watching a movie on Television, Kurt Vanneget's Harrish Bergeron. Despite it playing out like a low budget movie, I found it rather interesting. The basis of the story is this:

Through automation, the uneducated are no longer needed, thus creating a rift in society where the majority of people are uneducated, unemployed people. Because of this the second American revolution occurs where the "elite" lose power and the common man takes control. A new constitution is written stating that Not man is created equal, so the government must enforce it. This works by handicaps being placed on athletes with good ability and mind-dulling bands that people must wear. All criminals are executed rather than wasting resources on failed attempts of rehabilitation, imprisonment etc. However, the average person may be able to hold government office (this was released in 1995, so no it's not an attack on Bush), hoever they can not run a country. Enter the secret organization of intelligent people who litterally are the brains behind it all.

I'll stop here, so as not to give to much away. I suggest seeing it though. It's in this section of the forums because I expect a debate on the right and wrong way of doing things will inevitably take place.

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