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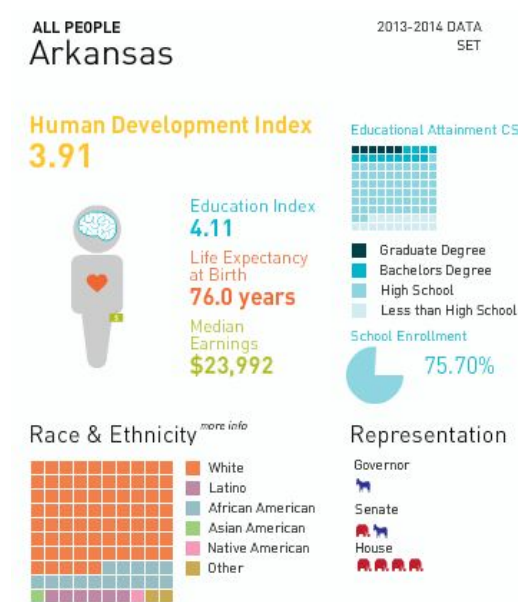
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ARKANSAS CULTURE AND CHARACTERS **Thank God for Mississippi: Another study, another low rank for Arkansas**

Posted By Max Brantley on Fri, Jun 21, 2013 at 9:38 AM



Thanks to Channel 4 for a link to a study, **Measure of America**, that ranks the states on factors such as income, health and education.

Arkansas ranked second-to-last, beating out only **Mississippi**.

An **interactive map** breaks down the ranking into categories and allows different analysis, including by ZIP code.

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I stand with the Tea Party in observing that the more free you are, the lower your income, health and education.

The libertarian paradise of Somalia, for example, is the freest nation on earth. It's poor, only a few people can afford real doctors and education consists of learning how to board a cargo ship and take the crew captive. But the people are not strangled by government. They are not forced to pay taxes, or be held captive by zoning regulations, or suffer under the tyranny of environmental protection.

Compare that to, say, Western Europe, where the standard of living is high, everyone has health care, and college education is not funded by student debt. Yet they live like slaves, with their corporations forced to pay taxes, their people unable to carry assault rifles openly into public buildings, and their children accepting of atheists, black people and women holding public office.

I absolutely love Tom Cotton's "Somalia Now!" plan.