

Too Much Vacation?



In a frenzied but hopeless attempt to forget work many people seek out vacations as an escape from the daily grind just to return home so exhausted they look forward to work just so they can rest. How work differs from leisure is we get paid for the former's alienation and enervation so we can experience the alienation and enervation of the latter.

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Bulletin for the Abolition of Work #3



HAVE A NICE VACATION!



Leisure is non-work for the sake of work. It is the time spent recovering from the daily grind. The relationship of work and leisure is a cycle many individuals put up with and the two are not separate. With leisure exhaustion becomes a factor. Leisure cuts into rest and sleep, something individuals need before work beckons their return. The following days of work after leisure can be more strenuous and miserable. Ultimately leisure is the consequences of work intruding on the individual's desire for real life.

RAW Thoughts on Leisure #1

Slavery to the job may mean survival to many these days. Many of us wind up working full weeks so that our bills are paid, so that we can eat, have shelter, handle upkeep and perhaps pay for medical attention or pay down a debt. However, in the context of a global economy with warehouses chalk full of goods stolen through profit-saving exploitation, we really need to start dealing with the flip side of work. Leisure.

Leisure isn't play anymore than work really has purpose: they are opposite sides of the same coin and the currency is compulsion. It's the money in your hand when you go on vacation out of town, go to the amusement park, camping or when you see that concert you wanted to see on the weekend. Leisure may indeed be fun when compared to work, but we are talking about comparison: it exists within the terms of our job, nothing more than a safety valve with many celebrated reforms.

In the "good old days" you worked in horrible conditions, perhaps so bad they would lead to your demise (and sometimes still do, perhaps through stress over time). If you did not work robber barons would often see to it that you and your family starved, perhaps massacring you if you went on strike simply for more tolerable work conditions and hours...you know, not having to get black lung or lose body parts in a machine on the seventh 15 hour shift of the week.

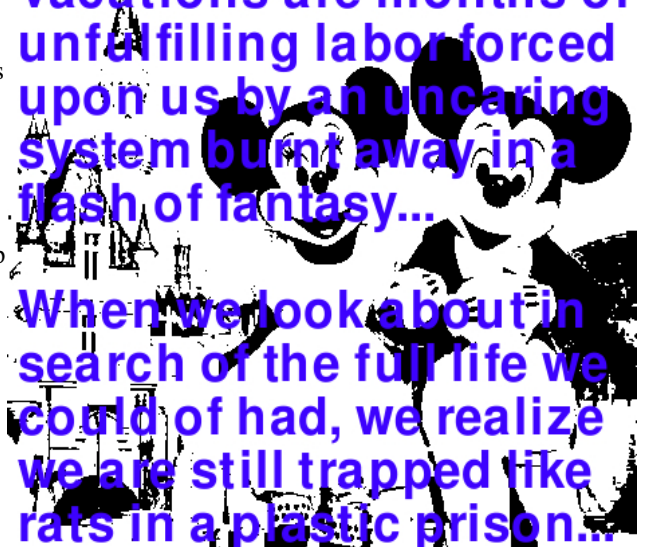
Military conquest since the era of the two world wars has of course left our exploiters with a liquidation sale, and everything must go in order to buy our complacency for just pennies a day given to our "developing" world counter parts (and thanks to millions of dollars from your taxes to their local autocratic overlords). This developing abroad to strengthen profits at home passes the savings towards greater social control onto you, the consumer, in your off time from the job. In other words there are many far away places to send the worse aspects of production, you know, old school style exploitation, while its products often return here to keep everyone complacent.

Isn't it obvious that the more people feel they are being abused the quicker they reach their breaking point and the more likely they are to turn inconsolably desperate and thus possibly threatening? However, history shows the carrot is generally a better friend to the exploiter than the stick when you can offer the carrot, be it the "pie in the sky when you die", Disney World, the promise of rewards posthumous or instant gratification has done wonders for tightening our chains with less of the fuss and muss contained in the gun and the club.

Now we work to survive (and by the way, we do this more than in the 1970's...how about all that inflation?) as well as get those extra TV channels (perhaps in hi-def), save up for vacation (anything to get away from this monotony!), buy toys for our children or ourselves, and perhaps the equivalent of the after life of work..retirement. Isn't it great that if you are thrifty

Vacations are months of unfulfilling labor forced upon us by an uncaring system burnt away in a flash of fantasy...

When we look about in search of the full life we could of had, we realize we are still trapped like rats in a plastic prison...



enough you can perhaps spend your last dying days, popping pills and fighting the medical bureaucracies as your body is goes south, not having to work?

These expanding consumption opportunities exist for the same reason that unions are given concessions and why more people can attend college. The advantages of this abundant economy has taken discrimination down a notch and now the companies are trying to find "eco-friendly" ways to run this vast totalitarian web of world wide job slavery. If a nation's economy is more humanized then humans under its jurisdiction are more likely to play its game and be distracted from making up their own probably more fun games...especially because from day one we have been told capitalism and wage slavery are the only game in town.

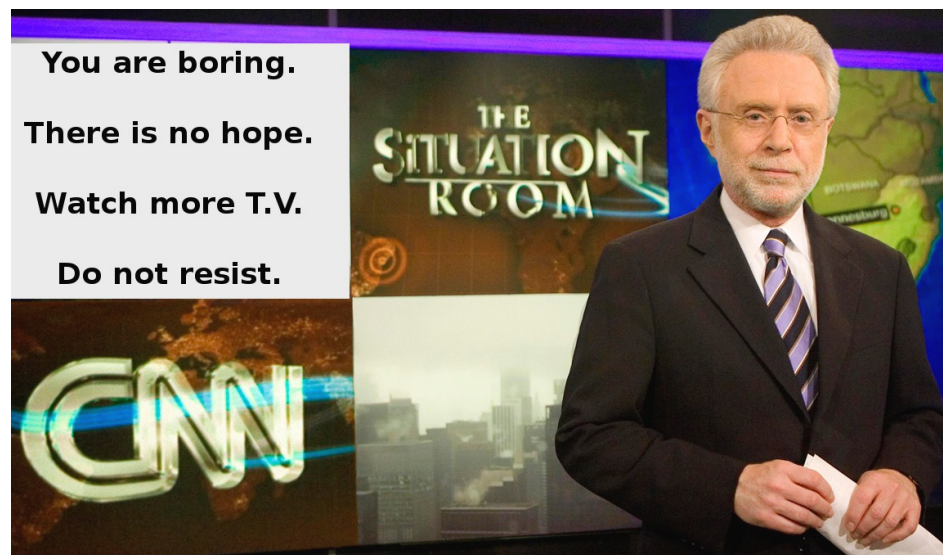
At the end of the day all these opportunities exist to help workers take their mind off of work: a hopeless race in circles because you will still be due back at work, as long as you want to pay your bills and participate in activities during designated free time....no matter how much fun you may get to have (or how hard you try to find SOMETHING fun to do) tomorrow is another work day. You may even try to go to college and become a professional to get more of this but in the end you are still a slave, just with longer vacations and a salary, in the manor rather than in the field (good doggies get more treats after all).

It can all be taken away, obviously if you refuse to play by the rules. Profit is the bottom line and right now it is simply profitable to spoil more of the domestic slaves, moving the worse abuse to foreign slaves. This all is enforced through a combination of regular military from here and local death squads over there....if this ceased to be profitable so would capitalisms more human face disappear.

Profit, by any means necessary, is the bottom line of capitalism and you are employed so owners can profit. It may be understandable to seek the relative fun you can find in your leisure, most people probably do...but I remind you again that tomorrow is another work day no matter how awesome that band was, how thrilling that roller coaster (after the damn line finally ended!!!) or how much beer you happen to down, nothing can change that....nothing except a revolt against work!



"I don't have a drinking problem, I have a working problem!"



RAW Thoughts on Interpretation #1

RAW is still at a foundational period in our experiment. Our approach develops from our lives in praxis. Our ideas on work have been experienced by our participants and the revolt against work has been expressed on more than one occasion in a varieties of ways both on and off the job. We concentrate on critical thinking, analysis and interpretation as well as implementation. The strength of our group is laughable, we are in no position to compete with activists, organizers, vanguards, politicians, corporate media, priests, owners, dealers, bosses, security or anyone else that enforces the work ethic through word and deed.

We don't play the game of mass appeal, we are two people and even then, we recognize that all organizations are an aggregate of individuals. We take into account time and space, two very important concepts of an individual's being for our approach. We do not talk of movements nor the desire to create them, movements are beyond our capacity to "create" nor will we delude others into thinking we are leaders. We have an interpretation like everyone else. Our interpretation is only adding to the atmosphere of others, who will accept or reject any concept or idea on its own merits. The potential of our ideas is masked by the intervention of managers, all those forces that stand above us, be they elitist or demagogic.

RAW's touch only goes as far as they can reach. We attempt to offer quality analysis to others that may of never received a radical interpretation of the present. Our communications often come in conflict with others views.. Our interpretation is not

always the one perceived nor are our suggestions the ones accepted by those that hear our words or observe our media. If we place a flyer on a lamp post, only those that pass the lamp post will read it. To some, this would suggest a moving towards a mass media approach, but quality is lost as well as intensity with "broadcasting" an interpretation.

Instead of broadcasting for the largest appeal, we focus our communications in those areas of life that we already exist in. This focus will grow more specific as time progresses as our analysis deepens. We may also change direction or strategy at any point should we feel our communications needs a change in approach. Currently we feel that attempts at constant proximity plays a stronger role in communicating our interpretation. We can be more specific, perhaps even obscure and our impact can be spread through folk interpretation.

We are a unique phenomenon in our area. our views are alien to national conversations guided by the spectacle. Folk lore may not be independent of the managers of large conversations, but it is always created as a tangent with its own narratives that the dominators of interpretation try to bring back into their views on the direction of large conversation. Folk lore is an appealing tangent that can be grasped and commodified for only short periods before it slips from the hold of domination takes a new shape. Aiming for obscurity and appealing to folk conversation might have a power to it. Those that add to the spectacle are actors in the conversations created by those in control, those add to folk interpretation can watch their ideas take a life of their own.

RAW is specific and voluntary. Any who would become interested in our ideas enough to imitate our interpretative activities also desires to move beyond their base interests as

defined by the present order and towards becoming deliberate actors in life. Those that already define themselves may see value in our activities, but will more likely adapt our interpretation into their values instead of giving up on what they've already dedicated themselves to. We see nothing wrong with this, we are not a party organization.

Revolt Against WORK



Who We Are

The refusal of work in an atomized society comes in small and often quiet doses. It is a response to the normal exploitation every worker must face day-to-day. In a world where parties, unions and labor groups reinforce a relationship of workers with their bosses, counting our losses at expanding the refusal of work as a win in material gains defines our struggle by the criteria of the present order. When we are productive to this system, we are working against the potential that can free us from perpetuating how we are controlled.

Our needs can be met without compulsive labor defining our ways of life and thus we see potential in the subversion of all forces that enforces this order that deprives us of a full life defined on our own individual terms.

Besides our individual practice of offering an interpretation within a narrow range, we offer both experimental and historic suggestions for how others can move to abolish work. Because compulsory labor is a part of the larger system of domination, simply stepping away from labor will not do. Most any who try are pulled back



Paris Hilton has its ups and downs... Work sometimes



But it rarely leaves us with



Iraqi Occupation



into the system of domination or they live off of the productivity of others. Large business owners, controllers of raw capital, tycoons, moguls and industrialists are the largest culprits not because they get to enjoy a quality of leisure, but because they are part of the elite that defines productivity. They are shortly followed up by the government that enforces the will of capital, then the thugs, dealers, hustlers and small business owners are left to fight over productivity that falls outside the dominant interpretations of capital. Wasted productivity tends to be used by paupers if not by the working poor. We see little that escapes the touch of capitalism and its drive, so we offer no solutions for escape.

However we are not single minded about our goal for work abolition. We live not in a society of mass mobilizations, but of massive atomization. For this reason we seek to connect with others so we can enjoy life despite the restraints on our present existence. During those brief moments between work and sleep we can find the time to be more than just unhappy cogs in the machine. We are active in this search and we staunchly support the creation of fun...we support play and the liberation of the individual from all compulsory restraints. So while we may aim to live a life of resistance, we make no demands, even of ourselves. Skip cutting the lawn today and go play, the Joneses be damned.