

Report 1:

How You Can Avoid The Wage Slave Trap

This article is the first in a series designed to improve the accuracy of Members' perception of the business world. This accurate perception is the first requirement of financial success.

Please be aware that this is not the beginning of a Communist or Socialist tirade - we are Democratic Capitalists and therefore pragmatic about interacting with the world as it exists rather than dreaming of an unattainable Utopia. We seek to prepare our Members to prosper and flourish in the world as it now operates. If you really intend to win a game then **you need to know the rules**.

Many people are trapped by their belief in the propaganda generated by the State Machine which seeks to keep citizens quiet and obedient. This propaganda attempts, **with great success**, to instil the idea that if you are a good company employee and pay your taxes then the state will look after you from cradle to grave. It will protect you from criminals, educate your children, support you when you are unemployed and maintain your standard of living when you retire from paid labour.

Sadly, **this is all lies**: The state maintains criminals and the supply of drugs to destabilize the citizenry and it avoids educating the children of the common people as educated citizens are more difficult to control. It depresses welfare payments to a level where a person is desperate to work for the minimum wage and the pension system is undermined and controlled so that those dependent on state handouts have no voice, those defrauded of their lifelong contributions have no redress and those presently paying subscription **are led to expect** better treatment when they retire.

There is only one way to be sure of access to the better things in life, not to mention health: **You must be able to afford them.** This means being relatively wealthy and able to buy the necessities and luxuries of life which are so freely available to those with the financial wherewithal. **So how do you become wealthy?**

If you wish to prosper and grow rich, the first thing you need to know about the commercial world is that you cannot become wealthy by working for someone else. Every business attempts to **pay its workers the minimum that it can.** This means the least pay and benefits which the firm can offer to its staff and continue to own the labour of the workers and managers necessary for it to function at an optimum level. Lower wages means more profit to the owners of the business. Big business uses government to hold down wages. Wages allow workers to buy bread and sometimes visit circuses.

There are times and situations when an employer must pay higher wages to compete for scarce labour or skilled staff but this doesn't happen for long because the Western Democratic System is set up in such a way that there is almost always a pool of unemployed workers eager to do unskilled work for the minimum wage allowable by the law. This minimum wage is set as a political tool to generate support for a populist government whilst still only guaranteeing an unskilled worker barely enough pay to survive.

The UK is cited in examples below owing to it being a good example of a mature Capitalist Democracy.

After WWII the UK Labour government, to mention only one, shipped in workers from Jamaica and elsewhere because there was more work than workers and wages were in danger of rising.

How many people do you know who have become independently wealthy by working for someone else? Almost certainly you do not know any.

The only capital which working people in the UK have is tied up in their houses - and this is a government ploy to control

them. You will observe that the major payment a family has to make is for the purchase of its home – by mortgage. House ownership has been encouraged and enabled so that people have security to be loaned money against by the banks, for the banks' profit, and so that they have something which **can be taken from them** if they do not **follow the rules set by the government**.

The actual astronomical price of a person's house is of no positive value to them because if they sell it they still have to buy a new place to live or pay rent calculated on the price of a similar property. **House prices are maintained** at this **scandalous level** where young people are unable to buy homes for themselves merely by restricting the building of new homes. It costs little more to build a house now than it did 25 years ago yet look how prices have risen in the UK.

Only about 4% of land in the UK is built upon yet the people are told that building is restricted to preserve the countryside. Is a tiny part of this countryside more valuable as "set aside" farmland, unused and subsidised by the EC, than it is as homes for our people?

Or are the banks' profits more important?

In many other countries of the developed world the governments encourage home ownership to give the citizens something to lose if they break the rules or do not repay their debts. This is not **in itself** a bad thing but it is something **you should be aware** of.

Prior to the 1750s the ordinary people of England used to be able to survive by keeping a few chickens, a cow and a pig or two on the common land and working an "allotment" type vegetable garden. They would supplement this self-sufficiency by working for the local landowner at harvest time but this paid labour was only the icing on their cake and they could survive without his pay if they had a mind to.

This independent-making situation put the common people in a strong bargaining position with regard to wages and when grain prices fell owing to cheap imports from the USA they

refused to work for the reduced wages offered by the landowners. This made farming less profitable or impossible for the landowners so, as the landowners controlled the government, they decided to bring in a series of laws called the "Enclosure Acts" and the Anti-Combination Laws".

The Enclosure Acts **made over** to the major landowners **all the common land** for them to farm. The effect of this, besides building up the acreage under the major landowners' control, was that it forced the ordinary people to work for the big landowners or starve because they could no longer support themselves without the use of common land. The Anti-Combination Laws effectively forbade people from forming trade unions and banding together to fight injustice and oppression in farm or factory.

Another result of these punitive laws was huge numbers of people "Transported" to Australia and elsewhere for life as slave labour to be used on the colonial farms. Many people do not realise that transported convicts were not just set free at the other end but required to work, effectively as slaves, for periods of seven years and more. The crimes for which people were transported included stealing a rabbit in the country and stealing a crust of bread in the city. **Was this justice or slavery?**

The reason the author is explaining these matters is to **cut through the propaganda** which the ordinary people are fed in **Western Society**. Principles do not change. The rulers still don't care for their workers - they only pretend they do for public relations purposes.

The **real reason for the end of slavery** is that it costs money to buy a slave and then more to feed him when there is no work to do. An hourly paid worker can be dismissed and left to starve without a loss of invested capital.

What does this mean to you? It means **you are still oppressed by your government** on behalf of the **hidden rulers of your society**. You need to understand the reality of your situation to break free of it. In a civilised country you cannot opt out. You must be a Master or a Slave. And to be a Master the only thing

you need is money. There is only one way you will ever make real money; enough to live as you please without working; enough never to have to doff your cap to a boss again: The only way is to be the Boss and own your own business. It doesn't matter if it is a window cleaning round, a market stall or a commercial empire, the only way to fully benefit from YOUR own labour, efforts or enterprise is to reap the profits of YOUR production. To do that you must own the means of production: A business.

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