



## 12. PLAY HOOKY

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JOINING GROUP HOOKY DAYS OUT OF THE OFFICE **DISRUPTS** CAPITALISM'S FOUNDATION OF WORKFORCE SUPPORT

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**THE LOWDOWN:** Capitalists don't laugh at any jokes related to striking because this action has a history of forcing concessions from the boss (like fair wages and safer working conditions). So it shouldn't be a big surprise that they fight back hard when people try to strike. Since capitalists have lots of clever tricks up their sleeves to subdue strikes, let's not bother. For this rebel joke, let's play hooky instead. After all, it can be a whole lot more fun.

## DISRUPTING CAPITALISM'S FOUNDATION OF WORKFORCE SUPPORT

- A) REBEL:** If you've ever skipped a day of work or school to do something fun, then you already know the basic rules of hooky. To play, you just call into work, say you're not feeling well, and then do something awesome with your newfound freedom. It's as simple as that. To make rebel hooky even more disruptive, partner up with people in your office and all phone in sick on the same day. Or use social media to organize a more widespread day of hooky.
- B) DISRUPT CAPITALISM:** Capitalism runs on the backbones of workers. Workers are needed for things like serving food to fat cats at restaurants, shining their shoes, or trading their money. Organizing against the boss is alarming for them and they often make concessions, especially because bosses know they need their employees willing participation.<sup>178</sup> Workers achieved landslide victories over their bosses during America's Labor Movement, earning rights like health benefits and workers' compensation.<sup>179</sup> In response, today's bosses have grown increasingly adept at curtailing strikes. This makes playing hooky all the more disruptive – rather than asking for a particular concession, we're just highlighting the power of a satirical prank.
- C) HAVE FUN:** Do you really need any convincing that a "sick day" out of the office is fun? If you have any lingering doubts, then check out the movie *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, a helpful guide on how to get the most out of your free day.

### BONUS POINTS (A+B+C):

Fat cats will argue that lots of people skipping work for the day will lead to chaos on the streets. Prove them wrong by weaving random acts of kindness into your rebel day(s) of fun. How about using your free day to volunteer in a soup kitchen and help out people in need?

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*"NOT THAT I CONDONE FASCISM, OR ANY ISM FOR THAT MATTER. ISM'S IN MY OPINION ARE NOT GOOD. A PERSON SHOULD NOT BELIEVE IN AN ISM, HE SHOULD BELIEVE IN HIMSELF. I QUOTE JOHN LENNON, 'I DON'T BELIEVE IN BEATLES, I JUST BELIEVE IN ME.'"*

FERRIS BUELLER