



16. GET BY WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM YOUR FRIENDS

USING ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS, LIKE BARTERING, **DISRUPTS** CAPITALISM'S DOLLAR DEPENDENCY

THE LOWDOWN: Imagine a world where the 100-dollar bill had the same value as toilet paper. As improbable as that may sound to capitalists who revere the dollar: fat cats should take note. We rebels can dilute the dollar's value surprisingly quickly if we start employing cashless compensation systems, such as bartering.

DISRUPTING CAPITALISM'S DOLLAR DEPENDENCY

- A) REBEL:** Instead of being tight on cash or incurring credit card debt, how about experimenting with fun and alternative forms of compensation instead? Bartering, for example, is a simple system of exchange where people are compensated with goods or services instead of dollars. Bartering can be a friend-based activity, like cooking an awesome meal or two for someone in exchange for having them walk your dog while you're out of town. Bartering can also take place at large-scale community events or through online P2P forums. *Note: bartering itself is distinct from the breath of all available P2P sharing economy sites because bartering centers around avoiding financial currency.*
- B) DISRUPT CAPITALISM:** Printed money is capitalism's currency and capitalists consider it sacred. After all, isn't it the main thing that keeps people working? But as much value and power as the dollar appears to have, the truth is, it's also just a sheet of paper. Avoiding financial transactions and challenging the value of the dollar shakes capitalism to the core. In the process of saving the people a boatload of money by challenging the dollar, we also disrupt fundamental economic drivers, such as inflation and revenue projections.
- C) HAVE FUN:** Finally, you have a way to obtain lots of awesome stuff without needing a big wad of cash of cash to pay for it. What's not fun about that? Have fun with the currency you create. What will your creative contribution be?

BONUS POINTS (A+B+C):

World leaders instigate global strife over silly currency conversion debates. For a bonus, find fun ways to barter with people from other countries to show global fat cats how trivial their paper dollars can become. Want free housing the next time you're on vacation in another country? Then how about letting someone crash at your place in exchange for crashing at his or hers?

"MONEY OFTEN COSTS TOO MUCH."

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