

**Do the New Suits Even Know What They're Voting For?**

# *Pulling the Boss's Lever*

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A reign of ignorance corrupts millions of impressionable men and women who are catapulted into corporate America each year. College degrees have become merely sanctioned passports to a wasteland of selfish values and conservative rhetoric. While some of us are conscious enough to sidestep the "backpack to briefcase" destiny, we still have to share our cities, schools, environment, and government with the types of people who wear suits and ties to happy hour.

This lament surfaces in response to a remark that I recently heard from a college friend. Unfortunately, I hadn't misheard him or mistaken his voice for a Fox News report in the background. Instead, the free-spirited frat boy who had once smoked blunts with me was now blowing the smoke right back up my ass. While I initially blamed him for compromising his values, I now realize that he's just become one of capitalism's newly recruited pawns, another microscopic thread on some meaningless gear in the grand machine. I almost gave up hope in my generation as the words "LIBERALISM IS DEAD" came out of his lips and

smacked up against my colon.

This phrase is not only unoriginal, it is also completely untrue. As a graduate student at the most progressively liberal institution in America, I can assure you that Liberalism lives and breathes at least on the southeast corner of Fifth Avenue and Fourteenth Street. And seeing that certain professors at the New School provide a significant amount of liberal commentary to millions of Americans, I think it's safe to assume that there is indeed a sizeable audience embracing the Left. As a figurative concept, Liberalism exists as a mind-set, and as an intangible passion that cannot expire. The only thing that died was my friend's soul when he traded it for a doomed pension plan and some worthless stock options.

