

Screenplay "Good Capitalism"

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EXT TOWN SQUARE DAY

About 200 people gather in a small square to support the Humanist party in the struggle for national parliament. Many people are holding banners of the new party. The party president George Sullivan approaches the stage with a microphone. He is a politician in his forties dressed in a jacket and jeans with no tie. National television GNN directly broadcasts his speech.

GEORGE

Ladies and gentlemen, dear people, my name is George Sullivan. I am the President of the Humanist Party. - - Our party intends to pull this country out of its economic crisis. We are going to issue money and invest it so as to move our economy forward. - - In addition, we will shorten working hours by one hour. Employers will hire to be able to maintain production. Labor shortages will increase wages. Thus, with our help, you will be able to purchase more and improve the economy - - Dear people, if you vote for us, we will allow you to participate in making important decisions in your society. We have developed a web application by which you will decide how much tax you want to pay. You will also decide on how much taxes you want to allocate for military, health, and everything else you need, desire or wish for. Thus, the common consumption will follow your needs and not the needs of the administration.

George takes a glass of water from the platform and takes a sip.

GEORGE

(Continues)

We, the humanistic party, propose a mutual evaluation of people over the internet. Each person will be entitled to reward and punish three persons per month. A positive evaluation will bring an award of one dollar to the evaluated person and a negative evaluation will

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GEORGE (cont'd)  
 bring a one dollar punishment. - -  
 What will we get? People who get a  
 negative evaluation will never know  
 who gave it to them so that they  
 will try to correct their behavior  
 toward all people. Bullies will not  
 attack children at schools any  
 more, bosses will not abuse their  
 employees, sales people will not  
 cheat their customers, politicians  
 will not lie to voters. A president  
 of a country can receive a negative  
 evaluation from a hundred million  
 people for poor policies and lies.  
 It will cost him one hundred  
 million dollars in just one month.  
 Only the most skillful and bravest  
 individuals would dare lead the  
 country. Mutual evaluations among  
 people will eliminate social evil.  
 Everyone will try to please others  
 in the best possible way. - -  
 Understand this, good people: We  
 cannot, and would not, dare to  
 disappoint you, because that would  
 cost us dearly - - Visit us at our  
 website to learn more about our  
 program. - - We offer a thriving  
 present; and a fruitful future!  
 Vote for us because it would  
 literally mean you are voting for  
 yourself for the first time.

Deafening applause. George receives congratulations from  
 nearby people and is very pleased.

INT LIVING ROOM DAY

Married couple in their forties, Jim and Mary Connors, sit  
 on their couch in the living room and watch George's  
 concluding speech on a small television. One would say that  
 they are not particularly well off.

JIM  
 Are you seeing this?

MARY  
 I am.

JIM  
 Who is this guy?

MARY  
I don't know.

JIM  
He speaks well...

MARY  
Maybe he lies?

JIM  
I doubt it. His solutions are very simple and logical. Besides, didn't you hear that everyone would be able to fine him one dollar if he lies? If he deceives millions of people he is over.

MARY  
That isn't big money if the rich support him.

JIM  
No way the rich support him. But I do.

MARY  
I like him too.

JIM  
He will shorten working hours and by doing so employ all the people! Is it not amazing that no one has ever thought of such a simple solution so far?

MARY  
Perhaps no one was allowed to think of it? Job creation costs the state billions of dollars.

JIM  
Maybe you're right. It's yet another reason to support him.

EXT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

A large baroque castle with a huge garden. In front of the entrance come four limousines from which four elderly gentleman exit and quickly enter the castle.

## INT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

In the large library of the baroque castle, five elderly gentlemen sit in comfortable armchairs and sofas: Jacob Rosenthal, Edmond Rosenthal, Evelyn Rosenthal, David Rubinstein, and Peter Chief. They are dressed in expensive suits. A lackey in uniform is serving drinks. All watch George Sullivan's speech on television. When he finishes speaking David angrily turns off the television and speaks to the others in a raised voice.

DAVID

This is unacceptable. Who allowed this man to speak on national television?

EVELIN

Someone failed to take our instructions seriously. It could also be that we are facing some sort of deliberate sabotage.

DAVID

Regardless, Peter, immediately fire the editor in chief and President of GNN.

Peter nods.

DAVID

(Continues)

This man should be silenced!

EDMOND

Relax David, he is nothing. His death would only give strength to his ideas.

DAVID

I did not think to silence him physically, but politically. If I see this man on another television screen, ANYWHERE...

PETER

(Intrudes)

We do not control everything.

DAVID

(Nods)

That means we must work harder.

JACOB

The damage is done. Now we need to be wise. Edmond, try to find something that we can use against him. It would be beneficial to organize several PR companies to attack his ideas. The media must emphasize his shortcomings and ignore his strengths.

Edmond nods his head.

EXT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

Big house in a city with a large parking lot. Above the entrance is the sign "THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE HUMANIST PARTY". Patrick Nelson enters the house. He is in his early forties and wears a sports jacket with a shirt and jeans.

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

A dozen people sit in a large room. Some are talking over the phone, and some are typing on their computers. Patrick Nelson approaches George Sullivan, who sits in the corner desk.

GEORGE

Where've you been?

Patrick offers his hand, and then sits in a chair.

PATRICK

I slept in. I worked late last night.

GEORGE

Patrick, the prime time live broadcast was a miracle. The phones have been ringing nonstop. The webpage hits are in the millions. I didn't expect this, I really didn't.

PATRICK

Neither did I. My group has examined the pool. We can already count on 10% of the votes! We start with nothing and now? Parliament! Unbelievable!

GEORGE

How we are doing with donations?

PATRICK

Growing but only small amounts are coming.

Jane approaches them. She is an attractive brunette in her early thirties, dressed very fashionably. She carries a paper in her hand to read praises for the Humanist Party received by mail.

JANE

(Reads)

"You have given us back our lost hope"... "Your ideas are God's providence." George, Patrick, are you hearing this? (She continues to read) "We are counting on you." "You have won the hearts of the people." My goodness, I'll be reading these until the next election!

GEORGE

Thank you, Jane. Find people to help you. We need to answer every single letter.

JANE

(Nods her head and adds)

GNN is presenting election campaigns. Shall we go to the conference room?

GEORGE

Let's.

INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

In the room there are about 60 chairs in which sit two dozen members of the Humanist Party. The room is darkened by heavy curtains. On the wall there is a large TV that broadcasts pre-election events.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

TV presenter John Anderson, elegantly dressed gentleman in his sixties to a camera.

JOHN

... and now comes the big surprise. Just 15 days ago, the Humanist Party was virtually unknown. According to independent polls they can now count for about 10% of the votes. Is that not incredible?

INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

Thunderous applause, cheering and approval.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

(continues)

Richard what do you think?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

Three journalists report live from separate locations and are projected onto three different panels on the screen. They are Martin Robertson in his fifties, Susan Smith and Richard Evans, in their forties. All are dressed very fashionable.

RICHARD

John, the Humanist Party has been active for a while, but it is true that their appearance on national television seven days ago has launched its publicity across the country. I'm not surprised. The political and economic crises have lasted too long. Nobody offers any solutions. In such a gap, George Sullivan said what the people wanted to hear. He offered water to the thirsty and food for the hungry. He is a very intelligent and capable man, but the question remains whether he is able to succeed in what he plans to do...

JOHN

(Voice only)

Susan?

SUSAN

John, I'm skeptical about the mutual evaluation among people. I would not like everyone to evaluate me. There are many envious people who would give me negative evaluations just because I have a good job. I am a partaker of the old school and objective evaluations of authority. I also disagree with the fact that ignorant people can contribute to decisions regarding the state budget.

JOHN  
 (Voice only)  
 Martin?

MARTIN

I share the opinions of my colleagues. On the economic level, shortening working day hours is a reduction of income. I do not believe a lot of people would support it. We should ensure the growth of production and thus create jobs. This looks a bit to me like the suppression of production and a deepening of the crisis.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
 I agree with you, but then where did all this support come from? Susan what do you think?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

SUSAN  
 As Richard said, we simply do not have any sound solutions to the issues at hand. This is harmful to the people. They are lost and helplessly hooked on miracles. We should blame ourselves because we are not doing enough to resolve the crisis. However it is not too late. We just need to increase our efforts.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
 Thank you for your comments. (Turns to the audience) Thanks for your attention. We will monitor the situation day by day.

INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

The members of the humanist party are disappointed. They protest loudly. Patrick speaks to everyone.

PATRICK

After an attack like this, it would only be fair to offer a chance to defend ourselves.

GEORGE

If we lived in moral times, I would not have been active in politics. Patrick and Patricia, let us call GNN since they did not feel obliged to call us?

He goes to his office. Patrick and Patricia Green, a pretty brunette in her forties, follow him. Others continue in the activities of the election.

INT GEORGE'S OFFICE DAY

George grabs the phone. Dials the number and puts the conversation over the *speaker phone*?. *The ringing is heard throughout the room.*

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR

(Voice only)

Hello, secretary of the GNN editor in chief speaking. How may I help you?

GEORGE

Hello, I am George Sullivan, the President of the Humanist Party. Would you be able to put me through to Mr. Morgan?

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR

(Voice only)

Mr. Morgan does not work with us anymore. The new editor in chief is Mr. Jim Hudson.

GEORGE

Can I talk to him?

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR

(Voice only)

I'm afraid you cannot. Mr. Hudson has just taken over the job and is very busy. I do not believe he would be able to talk to you soon.

GEORGE

Well, wait a moment, the elections are right before us. This is

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GEORGE (cont'd)  
important enough to find a little  
time for us!

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR  
(Voice only)  
I will pass your message to him but  
I cannot promise he will be able to  
find time for you.

PATRICK  
(gives a quiet comment,  
sarcastically)  
He will certainly call back.

GEORGE  
Please, tell him that we are  
dissatisfied with how GNN has  
represented our party and would  
like him to let us defend our  
positions.

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR  
(Voice only)  
I will pass on the message.

GEORGE  
I have one more request, can you  
connect me to John Anderson? I  
would love to talk to him.

SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR  
(Voice only)  
No problem, please stay on the  
line.

GEORGE  
Thank you.

*The phone rings.*

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON  
(Voice only)  
Hello, John Anderson's secretary  
speaking. How can I help you?

GEORGE  
Good morning, this is George  
Sullivan, the President of Humanist  
party. Can I talk to Mr. Anderson?

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON

(Voice only)

Unfortunately you cannot. Mr. Anderson is very busy. You can leave a message if you wish.

GEORGE

Thanks. We are very unhappy with the comments your journalists have made about our party. We believe it is your moral duty to give us an opportunity to respond to them.

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON

(Voice only)

Unfortunately we cannot help you. We are an independent studio and provide independent opinions. We cannot please everyone.

GEORGE

How do you choose whom you please?

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON

(Voice only)

Our viewers appreciate our objectiveness and that is why they watch us. When we open a discussion at a level that includes all political parties, we will invite you.

GEORGE

Just a moment, could you broadcast our paid television program?

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON

(Voice only)

For this purpose you need to contact the advertising department. If you wish I could connect you to them.

GEORGE

Please.

SECRETARY OF JOHN ANDERSON

(Voice only)

Please stay on the line.

GEORGE

Thank you.

The phone rings.

ADVERTISING EMPLOYEE  
(Voice only)  
Hello, advertising department. How  
can I help you?

GEORGE  
Hello. This is George Sullivan, the  
President of Humanist party. We  
would like to broadcast a paid  
television program.

ADVERTISING EMPLOYEE  
(Voice only)  
How long is it?

GEORGE  
How long is the shortest television  
program?

ADVERTISING EMPLOYEE  
(Voice only)  
Twenty two minutes. With  
commercials it provides a half hour  
segment. When did you want to  
broadcast it?

GEORGE  
As soon as possible. Can we do it  
tomorrow?

ADVERTISING EMPLOYEE  
(Voice only)  
Unfortunately there is no slot for  
another month.

GEORGE  
The elections will be over by then!

ADVERTISING EMPLOYEE  
(Voice only)  
I'm sorry we cannot broadcast it  
before then. At the moment we only  
have room for 30 second  
advertisements.

GEORGE  
Thank you very much.

He hangs up.

PATRICIA  
I suggest we look over our webpage.  
We have millions of visitors.

GEORGE

I agree, let's go now!

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

George is sitting in a chair and talks to a camera.

GEORGE

Dear viewers, television network GNN has made some sharp comments on the program of our party to which we must respond. - - Capitalism is in crisis because the money does not circulate enough. We intend to issue fresh money in order to put it into the market circulation. The increased purchasing power of the people will pull the economy out of the crisis. - - We are very proud of the system of mutual evaluation. We believe that this is the greatest invention of all time. Susan Smith said that people are not able to objectively judge other people. We respond to her that objectivity is desirable but not necessary. You'll judge others the way you feel it, and everyone must take into consideration the consequences his actions may have on you. This will build a good society. - - Furthermore, Susan says you people are not educated enough to decide on the state budget. Great "experts" (shows quotation marks with his hands) have formed a vast administration and ask for money to cover its expenses. You, the tax payer, should decide how much money you want to give them and how the money you give should be spent. - Power to the People is the only good answer to the problems of today's society. The GNN journalists do not understand this well. - We offer a far better future. People, by voting for us you vote for yourselves.

INT CAFFE BAR DAY

Jim meets his friend Fred in a cafe bar. They both drink beer. Jim is holding an iPad, and is browsing the web.

JIM

There's a new party, the Humanist Party. They say that we can decide how much tax to pay and how we want to spend it.

FRED

That is a lie, nobody would give a cent.

JIM

If you don't pay anything who's gonna pay for the police, who's gonna stop crime?

Fred nods his head in the sense that he accepts the argument.

JIM

They offer employment for all people.

FRED

It's just a campaign.

JIM

The leader is George Sullivan. He said that anyone would be able to take one dollar from him if he deceives us. If he deceives millions of people, he would be financially finished.

FRED

I've heard about them but I am skeptical. Whoever is controlling the system would be able to control the people regardless of their stories...

JIM

I believe them. When I read what they suggest I feel that I would finally have some influence in society. Look at their website.

He hands his iPad to Fred and shows what needs to be read. Fred is looking at the website and continues the conversation.

FRED  
You really want to work?

JIM  
Haven't had a job for a while.

FRED  
Are you voting for them?

JIM  
Yes. I'm also posting about them on  
Facebook and Twitter. This party  
deserves support.

FRED  
(thinks a bit)  
These evaluations look interesting  
to me. I will think about it.

EXT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

Three limousines drive up to the front of the entrance.  
Three people exit them and quickly enter the castle.

INT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

In a large library in the baroque castle, in comfortable  
armchairs and sofas, sit Jacob Rosenthal, Edmond Rosenthal,  
Evelyn Rosenthal and David Rubinstein.

JACOB  
Not good. Millions of people visit  
their website daily. The latest  
estimates show that they can count  
on almost 20% of the votes. They  
achieved it after only two months  
since their appearance on national  
television. Things are becoming  
serious.

DAVID  
Perhaps we should lure George  
Sullivan over to our side?

JACOB  
Try it, but I'm skeptical. Even if  
you succeed, his ideas would not be  
revoked.

EVELIN  
What shall we do?

JACOB

We should work hard to prevent the Humanist party from getting much delegates in parliament. We need to know all their plans. The media should be in maximum support of the democrats and conservatives, and should attack and avoid the Humanist party. The polls should always show a lower percentage of their supporters.

EVELIN

I agree.

JACOB

We have not had problems for a long time. It seems that for a while we will have to listen to their clucking in the Parliament that we will not have under our control.

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

George talks over the phone, smiling. When done he says excitedly.

GEORGE

People listen to me here, the latest polling of public opinion shows we have 20% of the votes. We are endangering the Democrats and Conservatives now. We are moving forward!!!

All rise from their chairs, applaud and rejoice together with him. A telephone rings. Jane answers, listens and then shouts to George who is at the opposite end of the room.

JANE

George, Mr. Paul Brightman the lawyer of David Rubinstein is calling you. Do you want me to connect you?

GEORGE

Connect him to my office. Patrick, come with me.

INT GEORGE'S OFFICE DAY

George turns on speaker phone.

GEORGE

Hello, George Sullivan speaking.

PAUL

(Voice only)

Hello Mr. Sullivan, this is Paul Brightman, Mr. David Rubenstein's lawyer.

GEORGE

What an honor. How can I help you?

PAUL

(Voice only)

Mr. Rubenstein would like to provide you with a financial assistance.

GEORGE

Great. We welcome help.

PAUL

(Voice only)

How about having dinner tonight to talk about it?

GEORGE

I have some commitments tonight, but of course, I will postpone them.

PAUL

(Voice only)

How about I come to your headquarters at eight o'clock tonight to pick you up?

GEORGE

I will wait for you.

PAUL

(Voice only)

Excellent, see you then.

George hung up the phone. Patrick is rubbing his hands. George shakes his head doubtfully.

GEORGE

I am suspicious. David Rubenstein  
is the last person whose assistance  
I can count on.

EXT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY 8.00PM

A black limousine parks in front of the headquarters of the  
Humanist party. The chauffeur gets out and opens the door  
for George. George enters.

INT LUXURY RESTAURANT NIGHT

The restaurant is very luxurious. George and Paul are  
sitting at a table talking. A waiter is serving drinks. Paul  
is a middle-aged man dressed in a very expensive suit.

PAUL

In just two months you have  
attracted 20% of the electorate.  
Very impressive!

GEORGE

We have good ideas and the internet  
is a miracle. I hope that Mr.  
Rubenstein will help us in  
accessing the media. Then we would  
be making real progress.

PAUL

Ah that. No, Mr. Rubenstein is not  
interested in politics. He is a  
businessman and has other plans  
with you.

GEORGE

You said that Mr. Rubenstein will  
help us.

PAUL

Mr. Rubenstein plans to help you  
but not your party.

GEORGE

Excuse me?

PAUL

He wants to involve you in some  
business.

GEORGE

What kind of business?

PAUL

Mr. Rubenstein wants you to manage a nine-digit fund. He believes you will double it in a few years. Your share is 15%.

GEORGE

Are there any requirements?

PAUL

Yes, there are. You have to give up political activity. Mr. Rubenstein wants you to fully devote to business.

GEORGE

He wants to buy me!

PAUL

One can say so, but you do not need to take it that way. Business is business.

There was a brief silence. The waiter comes and serves dinner. The break gives George time to think of what to say. The waiter leaves.

GEORGE

If Mr. Rubenstein were to have offered this to me last year, I would have accepted. Thank you for the offer. But I respectfully decline. This party will succeed.

PAUL

You are wrong.

GEORGE

Maybe.

PAUL

I'm talking about a high nine-digit fund.

GEORGE

Thank you! Please, give Mr. Rubenstein my thanks. It really is a wonderful offer... but this party has higher aspirations. I know that our ideas will change the world. Paul, nine digits cannot make the world a better place... The party can. And will.

Silence. Paul ponders a bit and adds.

PAUL

You lead an independent policy which upsets many. Gaddafi thought he could be independent. Saddam Hussein, Slobodan Milosevic, Olof Palme, Kennedy, Allende ... Mr. Rubenstein wants me to assure you that business is much safer and better alternative.

GEORGE

(calmly replies)

One must admit that you have guts. But I am not afraid.

PAUL

(Pretends to be confused and unskilled)

Oh, do I look like a criminal to you? Do you think that Mr. Rubenstein is a criminal?

GEORGE

Yes.

PAUL

Pardon my clumsiness. You understood me wrong. This is ridiculous.

George shrugs his shoulders, gets up and leaves.

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

George talks to Patrick

GEORGE

He offered me to manage a fund of nearly a billion dollars.

PATRICK

And?

GEORGE

I refused.

PATRICK

Honor to you, I'd be hesitant.

GEORGE

And I was. But then, I realized that we would win and that is worth more.

PATRICK

Congratulations.

GEORGE

Then he threatened me.

PATRICK

What?

GEORGE

In fact, he advised me to abandon politics. It was a threat and I took it very seriously. I have already thought to withdraw from the foreground if I became overexposed and to put you in my position.

PATRICK

Have me killed instead?

GEORGE

Oh no. We need to push ideas to the forefront and not a person. Ideas cannot be killed. When you become overexposed then we will replace you. Would you like to be the president of the party for some time?

PATRICK

(Thinks about it)

I would.

GEORGE

OK. Then we'll announce that I am retiring to the vice presidency of the party for health reasons. I'll propose you to replace me. The Board of Directors will accept you and then the Assembly as well. We all continue to work together any way.

PATRICK

OK

## INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

Jack White enters the Headquarters of the Humanist party. He is a tall, charming man in his thirties, dressed in top fashion. He approaches the table where Jane is sitting with a broad smile.

JACK

Hi, I'm Jack. Do you have a few minutes for me? I have a question regarding the program of your party.

Jane is pleasantly surprised by the charm with which Jack approached her and smiles kindly.

JANE

Please sit down. I'm Jane.

Jack sits on the chair beside her desk.

JACK

Jane, I like the ideas of the Humanist party but I'm not sure they will bring the desired results.

JANE

For example?

JACK

For example, mutual evaluation between people. Because of malice or envy, people may judge other people maliciously.

JANE

Yes they can. The evaluation is free. But individual evaluation in the amount of one dollar cannot cause significant harm to anyone.

JACK

Even if most of the evaluations are malicious?

JANE

People would have to join each other on a large scale for an immoral reason in order to produce considerable harm to society and it is not possible.

JACK

Why not?

JANE

When people get the power to judge others they will pursue their own interests rather than the interests of a group. Besides, the penalty of one dollar is too low to organize people to stand united. On the other hand it is large enough to prevent people from doing wrong.

JACK

Why do you think so?

JANE

Man does not do evil to one man only. Those who do evil do it to a lot of people. These people will receive a large number of negative evaluations. This will force them to change their behavior.

JACK

(Recognizes it)

There is logic in what you say.

JANE

Evaluations of people joined together would be very powerful and they will stop bad people. Authorities will be especially in the center of people's attentions because their work affects a large number of people. They would have to be very cautious.

JACK

How will people defend themselves from slander? What if someone gets slandered and they receive a large amount of undeserved negative evaluations?

JANE

We think that people will have enough proven events that they would prioritize their evaluations for and that they would not pay much attention to unverified information. Then again some people

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JANE (cont'd)  
would. That's why at the beginning,  
we do not recommend evaluations  
with financial rewards and  
penalties.

JACK  
What does this mean?

JANE  
Initially we plan to track only how  
many positive and negative  
evaluations people receive. That  
might be enough to improve society  
as well.

JACK  
You would like to prepare people  
for evaluations?

JANE  
Yes. In the end I would say that  
lies have short legs. People who  
slander will sooner or later end up  
in the doghouse of the people. The  
evaluations will prevent people  
from lying. People will not lie  
anymore.

JACK  
(Smiles)  
It is interesting. What do you  
think about continuing this  
discussion at the dinner table?

Jane is confused by the offer. Thinks about it and responds.

JANE  
I have to admit that you are a very  
charming man, but I generally do  
not go out with people I do not  
know.

JACK  
Sorry, neither do I. During the  
conversation I felt warmth and I  
could not resist.

JANE  
I'm sorry, I'm also very busy with  
pre-election activities and do not  
have time.

JACK  
(Laughs)  
Might I have better luck next time?

JANE  
(Laughs)  
Maybe.

Jack stands up, bows politely and leaves the room. Jane remains thoughtful.

INT OFFICE DAY

Large office. Mary is sitting at work and talking to Hillary sitting at the desk next to her. Hillary is in her late thirties. Both wear office clothes. Both have large monitors in front of him. Around them there are a large number of other office workers.

MARY  
Have you heard of the Humanist party?

HILLARY  
I've heard about them but I did not pay much attention. I do not believe in any parties.

MARY  
This is different. It's not just my opinion. They have new ideas, at first sight they are strange but then you realize that they are simply just good.

HILLARY  
You are interested?

MARY  
I am. They want to shorten working hours. If they win, I will get more free time for myself.

HILLARY  
I wouldn't mind that.

MARY  
Besides that, they are giving people the right to evaluate other people. I guarantee you that our boss would not mistreat us after that.

HILLARY

What do you mean?

MARY

They invented a system of mutual evaluation. Everyone would evaluate our boss badly. It would cost her fifty dollars or more per month. Just enough to ask herself what she is doing wrong!

HILLARY

I would certainly slip one to the bitch. - But wait a minute, then she could slip one to me!

MARY

It does not work that way. Everyone has the right to give three negative evaluations per month. She cannot give 50.

HILLARY

OK but what if she targets me?

MARY

Hey, she will never know who gave her the bad evaluations. It's all anonymous. Besides, if she doesn't change, the bad evaluations would drive her away from the job

HILLARY

Ah, well now it's starting to make sense!

MARY

Go to their website and see what it is about. Then recommend them to everyone. We seriously need to spread the word to everyone. Believe me, these guys know what they're doing!

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

Good afternoon. The day after Tomorrow is election day. Public opinion shows that the Conservatives lead with 45% of the votes, followed by the Democrats with 35% of the electoral votes,

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JOHN (cont'd)  
and the Humanist party can count on  
20% of the votes. Martin what do  
you think about this?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

There are three journalists broadcasted live, each in a  
separate image on the screen. They are Martin Robertson,  
Susan Smith and Richard Evans.

MARTIN  
The ratio of votes between the  
Democrats and the Conservatives has  
been expected. I must admit I  
expected more from the Humanistic  
Party, but they will certainly play  
a crucial role because they will  
give the predominance of power to  
the Democrats or the Conservatives.

JOHN  
(Voice only)  
Susan?

SUSAN  
The Humanists are likely to join  
the Democrats and bring them a  
parliamentary majority in the next  
four years. I can only hope that  
the Democrats will not have to give  
many concessions to the Humanist  
party.

JOHN  
(Voice only)  
Richard.

RICHARD  
One can assume with great certainty  
that the left coalition will win,  
and that the conservatives will end  
up in opposition.

EXT STREET TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Martin leads a television crew in front of a polling  
station. There is an unusually long line up to vote. Martin  
holds a microphone in his hand and is talking to the camera.

MARTIN  
(Looks at his watch)  
Now it's two o'clock in the  
afternoon. According to the  
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MARTIN (cont'd)  
 information I got, about 40% of the  
 voters turned out to vote so far.  
 As you can see there is still a big  
 line up. We can already talk about  
 breaking the voter participation  
 record.

JOHN  
 (Voice only)  
 Martin, what do you think the cause  
 of this is?

MARTIN  
 Judging by the conversations out  
 here today, a lot of attention has  
 been given to the ideas that the  
 Humanist Party has suggested. The  
 question is: are the discussions in  
 favor or against his ideas?

A little farther Jane is waiting in line to vote. Jack walks  
 down the street. He sees her and approaches her.

JACK  
 Well Jane, this must be destiny!

JANE  
 What?

JACK  
 I am walking down the street  
 thinking about you, and now here I  
 am bumping into you.

JANE  
 I would say that I am just here to  
 vote. Did you vote?

JACK  
 I have already voted for you this  
 morning.

JANE  
 (Laughs)  
 I am honored.

JACK  
 Do you know me now?

JANE  
 What do you mean?

JACK  
Well you said that you do not go  
out with people you do not know?

Jane laughs.

JACK  
(Continues)  
Can I ask you for one small favor?

JANE  
What is it?

JACK  
I was invited to a party tonight  
but I'm afraid to go alone. Last  
time two very charming young women  
tried to wrestle me to the ground.

JANE  
Am I supposed to protect you?

JACK  
(Very charming)  
It wouldn't be difficult.

JANE  
Be in a catfight over you?

JACK  
(Tricky)  
Ah no, they do not touch couples.

JANE  
(Recognizes trick)  
I have no intention to be with you.

Next to them in the lineup stands a woman in her seventies  
and unexpectedly helps Jack. She turns to Jane.

ELDER WOMEN  
Dear child you are mistaken. I  
refused a lot of men when I was  
young, and now I'm sorry about it.  
He is really an opportunity.

JACK  
Thank you very much ma'am. I  
appreciate your help very much.

The elderly woman just nods her head.

JANE

Tonight, I cannot. Tonight's the announcement of the election winner. Me and my colleagues will be at the headquarter of the party.

JACK

Could I come to celebrate the victory!

JANE

How do you know we will win?

JACK

You're the best.

Jane smiles at his comment and hits his shoulder playfully by her hand.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I TUESDAY 8PM

JOHN

Dear viewers, the polls are closed. According to unofficial information, election participation has reached about 75% of the voters. Unbelievable. Today, voter participation is almost double the participation of the last election. The counting of the votes has begun. Stay with us we will broadcast the results as they come to us.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I MIDNIGHT TUESDAY

JOHN

It's midnight. According to unofficial information, a great surprise has just occurred. The Humanist Party won the election. They have 51% of the votes. Unbelievable. The Humanist Party will make laws on its own for the next 4 years. My congratulations. Richard do you have any comment?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II WEDNESDAY NIGHT

RICHARD

The surprise is great but not totally unexpected for those who are familiar with the situation. The people are fed up with politics that do not give solutions to the crisis. The Humanist Party has offered new, simple solutions that may bring a better tomorrow and it has attracted people. It is hard to say whether a better tomorrow will actually come...

JOHN

(Voice only)

Susan?

SUSAN

Richard is right when he talks about the crisis and the inability of existing political structures to find a solution to evade it, but I do not see that the solution of the Humanist party would help. I think that their solution will bring anarchy and an even worse situation.

JOHN

(Voice only)

Their arguments did not stagger you?

SUSAN

No.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I WEDNESDAY NIGHT

JOHN

Richard, how do you interpret the very poor assessment of public opinion on the election polls?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II WEDNESDAY NIGHT

RICHARD

Estimates can be wrong and that was what these elections have shown. It's not over until the people say it is over. The ideas of the Humanist Party have obviously

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RICHARD (cont'd)  
 attracted a huge number of voters  
 last minute who previously did not  
 have an interest to vote. I have to  
 congratulate the Humanist Party on  
 the great success.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I WEDNESDAY NIGHT

JOHN

Our reporter Martin Robertson is  
 located in the Headquarters of the  
 Humanistic Party where there is now  
 a great celebration. Martin could  
 you present the atmosphere there.

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

In the Headquarters of the Humanist  
 party about fifty people celebrate  
 the victory. They congratulate each  
 other and drink champagne. Jane is  
 with Jack. They are talk to each  
 other and laugh. Martin holds a  
 microphone in his hand and talks to  
 the camera.

MARTIN

The viewers at the small screen  
 could see what kind of happiness is  
 here. Next to me is Patrick Nelson,  
 the party chairman and George  
 Sullivan, his deputy. I have  
 already congratulated them on their  
 great success. I will ask them only  
 one question: (he turns to Patrick  
 and George) are you surprised with  
 the success you achieved. Mr.  
 Nelson?

PATRICK

We did not expect such success. We  
 are counting on a coalition with  
 the Democrats. Regardless of our  
 success, we want cooperation with  
 the other parties, not a fight.

GEORGE

(Intrudes)

We have promised a better future  
 for everyone and we now know that  
 we will achieve that. Be prepared  
 people, it is coming soon. Soon  
 you'll make decisions for

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GEORGE (cont'd)  
yourselves. (Raises a glass and  
exclaims) Cheers. (Smiles)

INT TV STUDIO GNN I WEDNESDAY NIGHT

JOHN  
One cannot deny that you are full  
of optimism. I wish you all  
success.

EXT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY MORNING

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY MORNING

George stands on the platform and talks to the board of the  
party.

GEORGE  
Good morning, greetings to  
everybody. I'm still hung-over ...  
(Everyone laughs) ... but there's  
no rest when the renewal still  
needs to be done. I propose Patrick  
for the position of the President  
of parliament. Does anybody have  
another proposal?

PATRICIA  
I second your proposal. I think  
that Patrick is the most suitable  
person.

Other members of the Board of Directors applaud on it.

GEORGE  
OK. Does anybody object?

No one responds.

GEORGE  
Hereby I declare that Patrick is  
elected President of the Parliament  
by acclamation. Patrick please take  
the stand.

George leaves the platform and Patrick takes it.

PATRICK  
Thank you George. I suggest that at  
the inauguration of the new  
parliament we immediately propose  
four laws. The first law will be a  
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PATRICK (cont'd)

law on public television. We need to establish a national public television network to be able to tell people what we think and do.

JANE

Really all states have public television. Why don't we?

GEORGE

I think we have special status because we live in a powerful country. The media owners do not allow anyone to interfere with their jobs.

JANE

What do you mean?

GEORGE

They choose the topics that will be talked about and then impose their own conclusions. Basically, they teach us what to think. That means they control us.

JANE

Can you explain it a little bit?

GEORGE

They propagate money as the highest value because they have the most of it. That is how they take power from us. Then, they promote competition and selfishness so as to alienate us from each other, giving them the opportunity to rule over us.

PATRICIA

They draw our attention to completely trivial matters. Then report on it for days until people take it seriously and begin to discuss it. That is how the owners of corporations are undisturbed in making the most important decisions in society.

JANE

There are a lot of television companies!

PATRICIA

There are but they all run the same programs and report the same things. This suggests that they are all under the control of the same people.

JANE

Not all people can be manipulated.

PATRICIA

Yes they can. Even if someone were to recognize the manipulation, they would not have access to any media in order to reveal it.

GEORGE

(Intrudes)

Even the President cannot appear on television without following the direct orders of any major media owner.

JANE

You are exaggerating!

GEORGE

Why? Private media are independent from the government and state media does not exist. The President appears on television because he has signed a contract with the devil. If the President begins to have conscience problems he immediately finds that he cannot change anything, because all the people around him have also signed contracts with the devil. The President of the country would have to be superman to confront the owners of the corporations. But then he would not have had the opportunity to be President in the first place.

JANE

Are you sure about that?

GEORGE

The President is a puppet. The state is governed by the owners of the corporations. The owners of the corporations are the decision-makers while the President just takes responsibility for them. No one can accuse the owners for evil because no one knows who they are.

Karl Feherty a younger member of the party intrudes.

KARL

There is political opposition.

GEORGE

Political opposition! The owners of the corporations hold it as well. They have built their nets for centuries. It does not matter for which party you vote for, they all listen to the owners of big capital. There is no democracy anywhere.

KARL

(Smiles)

So then why are we in politics?

GEORGE

(Smiles)

I don't know about you, but I'm here in order to change politics.

PATRICK

(Intrudes)

The situation with the private media is very bad. They report only what is of interest to the rich. If they do not like that something happened they do not broadcast it and no one knows it happened.

KARL

Are you sure?

PATRICK

Pretty much. But it is even worse than that. They are able to turn an angel into a devil, and vice versa.

KARL  
 (Looking very puzzled)  
 Please give me an example?

PATRICK  
 (Thinks about it)  
 The aggression against Libya was performed by the presidents of the most developed countries. What reason could they have had but to steal oil? Have you heard in the media a single word against this crime? No you have not. Why not? Because the media would then have to call our president a criminal. On the other hand according to all the media, Gaddafi was a criminal. Whether he was or not, we could not know because all the information we have received about him came from the same people who attacked him. Is it not scary?

KARL  
 Then, how has our party passed through the media?!

PATRICK  
 That is still not clear to me! Was somebody on GNN reckless or knowingly resisted, I do not know. But after that the Internet helped us a lot. We will end the monopoly on information. We will establish national public television.

Applause.

PATRICK  
 The next law we propose will be about taxes. For the first time people will decide on their own how much tax they want to pay and how the tax money is going to be spent. We will establish a minimum tax to which the system will be able to function without major problems.

Steven appears, an elderly member of the Humanist Party.

STEVEN  
 Everyone will pay as much tax as they want?

PATRICK

Not just like that, everyone will participate in deciding what percentage of incomes all the people will pay for taxes.

STEVEN

Ah. So, people will probably reduce taxes, and I'd like to do it, too. Then who will pay for the services that the state provides to its citizens?

PATRICK

Well, it's the citizens' responsibility to decide what best suits their needs. If there is a decrease in money, there will therefore be a decrease in available service and vice versa.

Applause.

PATRICK

(Continues)

We also propose a law about working time. Basically it means that work hours will be reduced in all companies proportionately to the rate of unemployment. This will give people more leisure time, it will eliminate unemployment and bring higher wages to workers.

Applause.

JANE

I'm sorry, I don't understand. How would a shorter working day increase income?

PATRICK

Shorter working days will reduce unemployment and that would increase the demand for labor. When a shortage of workers appears, employers will compete for the better workers. They will offer higher salaries.

Jane nods her head.

PATRICK

Finally, we will propose the law of the evaluation among people. We believe it will be the most important measure. It will definitely establish equal rights among people. This will solve the problems in society.

STEVEN

This can create problems as well!

PATRICK

It can a little bit. Because of this, the evaluation will start without rewards and punishments of monetary value. The system will only present how many positive and negative evaluations individuals have received from one another. We are confident that even that will focus every person to make more conveniences and fewer inconveniences to others. This will be a great contribution to the development of society.

Applause.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

Dear viewers, today the inauguration of the new parliament is going to be conducted. As you already know Humanist Party has a majority in parliament as of today. They will immediately propose new laws for adoption. We wait on Martin to report whether the new laws have been accepted. Martin any news?

EXT STATE PARLIAMENT DAY

A great white classicist building with a large dome on the roof. Martin is in front of the building and ready to report on the latest developments.

MARTIN

Good afternoon, I am in front of the parliament building. I have just learned that the vote has been

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MARTIN (cont'd)  
 completed. As was expected, the parliament passed all four laws that the Humanist party proposed. The members of Parliament were very disciplined in following the decisions of their parties.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
 Martin, are you surprised by the discipline of the parties?

EXT STATE PARLIAMENT DAY

MARTIN  
 I am not. I'm surprised that yesterday's great enemies, the Democrats and Conservatives are now completely united against the Humanist Party.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
 I just found out that the parliamentary committee decided to send the adopted laws to President Bill O'Brien for his consent. Susan do you think the president would veto it?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

TV shows two journalists, Susan Smith and Richard Evans, who talk live on two separate panels on the screen.

SUSAN  
 I am glad that the President decides on the new laws. Martin, these laws are irrational. I am not surprised that the opposition is unified against them. I'm surprised that the ruling party was so encouraged to propose such legislation. Fortunately, President O'Brien will surely veto it.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
You do not like national public  
television?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

SUSAN  
I do not. Why waste tax payers'  
money for national public  
television when private television  
does quite well and does not cost  
taxpayers anything?

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
Richard, what do you think?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

RICHARD  
I agree with Susan. I think that  
President O'Brien will veto the  
legislation, though he may pass  
public television. But, regardless,  
the Humanist Party's agenda raises  
some big demands for change that I  
think will not be passed easily.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
Thank you Richard. (Turns to  
audience) Please stay tuned; we are  
now going to have a 60 second  
commercial break,

EXT DAY GOLF CLUB

President O'Brien, sleek white-haired man in his fifties,  
Evelyn Rosenthal and David Rubinstein play golf. Evelyn taps  
the ball into the hole and talks to the president.

EVELYN  
Mr. President what should we do  
with these laws?

BILL  
I do not like them, but I do not  
like the idea of vetoing them  
either. I might be antagonized by  
the people.

DAVID  
(Cynical)

It would be better if you let the evaluation law pass and give people the power to assess you for all the wars you have led.

BILL

If you asked me there would not be any wars in the first place.

DAVID

Well you know that nobody asks you, so veto this legislation tomorrow.

BILL

To veto the law on public television, I could only explain it by saying I'm an idiot.

DAVID  
(Mockingly)

We will think of a better explanation.

BILL

Mr. Rubinstein, I am the president!

EVELYN

Take it easy David, the state televisions are everywhere. We will work hard to put our people into the board of directors.

DAVID

We will not be able to prevent them from talking.

EVELYN

David calm down. From the time the Internet has existed we could not have stopped people from talking. We have to pass some positive information about them.

DAVID

I will not.

EVELYN

David, our media is trusted by people. Do you want to lose that trust? (she addresses the President) Mr. President, we'll let

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EVELYN (cont'd)  
the law on public television slide,  
but the other three cannot pass.

BILL

OK

INT DAY GNN TV STUDIO

John is sitting at a table and reads the report.

JOHN

We have just learned that President Bill O'Brien has signed the law on public information, but vetoed the other three laws. President Bill O'Brien returned the law on work time to be revised. He is concerned that the law might bring too hard of an impact to employers. The President proposes a study that would show the feasibility of the law. President O'Brien cannot see the possible implementation of the mutual assessment law. The President believes that the law would lead to anarchy with unforeseeable consequences. He also cannot accept the law concerning taxes; he argues that the adjustment of taxes is a job for experts, not for the people.

INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HUMANIST PARTY DAY

The members of the board of directors of the Humanist the party are watching John's report on the television. When he finishes George addresses the members of the party.

GEORGE

Friends we were counting on this possibility. If we want real change we need to win the presidency. I believe in success through state-controlled television. I propose Patricia Green as our candidate for the position of president.

PATRICIA

(Surprised)

What?

GEORGE

I think you would be a great president.

PATRICK

I have no doubt that Patricia would be a great president but I think you ought to stand forward.

GEORGE

I will take back the presidency of the party. I cannot keep a campaign across the country and work on the development strategy of the party. Patricia is very capable. She would be the first female president, which would surely attract the voices of women. Patricia do you accept my proposal?

PATRICIA

Thank you for your confidence George. I accept the nomination for president.

Everyone in the room applauds.

GEORGE

Are there any other suggestions?

No one appears.

GEORGE

Thank you Patricia. We will immediately start the presidential campaign. Also, we will immediately start fighting for direct democracy.

INT STUDIO OF PUBLIC TELEVISION EVENING

George, Patrick and Patricia are sitting in the studio of the national public television and address the nation. On the wall behind them is a major label "PTV", an acronym for public television. Below is a small inscription, "Proclamation of the Humanistic Party."

GEORGE

Good evening dear viewers, as promised we have established state television. It covers almost the entire country. The idea of public television is to broadcast

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GEORGE (cont'd)

objective information. It will be equally available to representatives of all groups and parties and will be completely unavailable for commercial messages.

PATRICK

Taking into account the President Bill O'Brien has vetoed our laws, we have adopted the law on opinion polls through a rapid procedure. We have created an internet application that will simply show what we all need. We managed to bypass the president and the law is in effect right now.

GEORGE

Now every citizen who has the right to vote should go to their local council to obtain a user ID. When you access the application you'll find three questions. You can see the application here on the monitor.

On a monitor in the studio the web page appears where in the left side are located three questions and in the right section next to each question there are two command buttons, YES or NO.

GEORGE

(Continues)

As you can see: the first question is whether you accept the law on assessing people. Another question is whether you accept the law on the reduction of working time. And the third question is whether you accept the tax law. All you need to do is choose YES or NO.

PATRICIA

(Adds)

Your decision will be processed immediately. There is no deadline for voting. You can also change your decision as much as you want. Look here.

Shows by clicking her wireless mouse that she can change her decision whenever she wants.

PATRICIA  
(Continued))

You can see here how simple it is.  
If most of you accept these laws it  
would be a moral obligation for  
President Bill O'Brien to follow  
the will of the people.

PATRICK  
We hope you will support us. Have a  
nice weekend.

GEORGE  
Good night.

PATRICIA  
(Smiles)  
Bye bye...

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
After seven days of voting,  
organized by the Humanist Party,  
more than 2/3 of the voters voted  
for the adoption of all three laws.  
But overall they are nowhere near a  
majority of the total number of  
voters. Martin what do you think?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

Appear three journalists who speak from three live TV images  
that are inserted into the picture window. They are Martin  
Robertson, Susan Smith and Richard Evans.

MARTIN  
It takes time for voting over the  
Internet to be accepted. In  
addition, people can accept the  
laws later. We will see.

JOHN  
(Voice only)  
Susan?

SUSAN  
The changes that the laws make are  
so big that people could not accept  
them fast. Maybe even never.

JOHN  
(Voice only)  
Thank you Susan. Richard?

RICHARD  
John, the results which the Humanist Party has achieved are very good if we consider that nearly half the population is still computer illiterate. We will see where things will go.

INT CAFÉ BAR DAY

George and Patricia are sitting in a cozy café, they drink coffee and talk.

PATRICIA  
Do you think I would lead the campaign well?

GEORGE  
No one could do it better than you. You have a clean history and capabilities. It is about time that a woman wins. In addition, you are very beautiful.

PATRICIA  
Thank you, but I do not think this is an advantage.

GEORGE  
No, no... Everything affects the election. All factors are on your side. Bill O'Brien has no chance.

PATRICIA  
You sure you're not just saying that?

GEORGE  
I'm sure.

PATRICIA  
(Smiles)  
Thank you.

GEORGE  
No need to thank me. You've got lengthy travelling and endless talking ahead of you. I would not like to be in your shoes.

PATRICIA  
I am not afraid of it.

GEORGE  
(Said with warmth in his words)  
I know. (Pauses and adds) I will miss you.

PATRICIA  
And I'll miss you too, George.

GEORGE  
Then take breaks sometimes and drop by at the headquarters to see me.

PATRICIA  
I will.

George and Patricia smile to each other.

INT STUDIO OF PUBLIC TELEVISION SUNDAY EVENING

TV leader, Tom Lawson, in his early fifties, leads the TV debate between Patricia Green and Bill O'Brien for the position of president. They all stand on the scene. Behind them in large letters is written PTV.

TOM  
Good evening dear viewers, good evening Mrs. Green and Mr. President.

PATRICIA  
Good evening.

BILL  
Good evening.

TOM  
After nearly a year of struggle through campaigning for the position of president we are entering the final battle in the pre-election campaign. Will the next president be Mrs. Green or will Mr. O'Brien be re-elected, we will see after you vote dear people on Tuesday. If you have not yet decided for whom to vote, tonight's debate could help you. The first topic is the economic crisis which has lasted for a long time. Mr.

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TOM (cont'd)

President what solutions do you offer?

BILL

We have a program that will encourage private capital investments. We work closely with banks to do so. We expect that low interest rates would stimulate investments and consumption, which will benefit economic development. We expect the growth of entrepreneurship, growth of production and a reduction in unemployment. Thus we will get out of the crisis.

TOM

Mrs. Green you?

PATRICIA

First I have to comment on Mr. President's proposal. The bankers are primarily responsible for the crisis in which we are in, and now they are supposed to withdraw us from the crisis? It is not possible.

TOM

Mr. President do you have a response?

BILL

Ms. Green is right when she says that the liberal banking system caused the recession and the economic crisis. We need to regulate the banking system and establish the stability and growth of the economy.

TOM

Mrs. Green do you agree?

PATRICIA

I do not. The only way out is to insert fresh money into circulation. This is exactly what banks do not do. They are even withdrawing money from circulation because they are afraid of the

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PATRICIA (cont'd)

recession and bad investments which could cause even the bankruptcy of banks. Banks are powerless. Only the government could pull us from the crisis.

TOM

Mr. President what do you think about it?

BILL

The banks are in trouble. The state should help them get out of their problems. Without a healthy banking system there is no escape from the crisis.

TOM

But how could we force banks to lend money to people?

BILL

No one could force banks to lend money. The economy needs to find sources of spending and that will stimulate the banks to give loans and facilitate the growth of production. Banks are aware that capitalism cannot survive without growth and they would be happy to fund the production. But banks cannot finance losses.

TOM

Mrs. Green.

PATRICIA

It is true that capitalism cannot survive without growth, but it is also evident that economic growth cannot be kept forever. In other words capitalism is doomed to fail sooner or later. Banks just prove it. If banks lower interest rates just a little bit there would be virtually no earnings, if banks only slightly raise the interest rates that would start a chain of bankruptcy in the economy.

TOM

So where is the exit?

PATRICIA

Traditionally, bankers have been developing such crisis up to mass bankruptcies and then they have started the development of capitalism from the beginning. But now they are afraid to produce such a big crisis because they are afraid to lose prevalence in the world. If you are thinking traditionally, there is no way out.

TOM

Why do you think so?

PATRICIA

We are working on a system that will come after capitalism. We have proposed a new democratic tax policy. We intend to encourage the people to accumulate cash money for investments through the new tax policy. If they accept it then they will no longer have to borrow money from banks. They will plan and build their futures on their own.

TOM

It is interesting.

PATRICIA

(Continues)

The problem is that the money intended for investments would require lower incomes. People should voluntarily sacrifice and reduce wages until they develop the economy.

TOM

Mr. President do you have a comment on this?

BILL

People have never reduced their own incomes in order to improve the economy and would never do it.

TOM

Mrs. Green.

PATRICIA

This is the best solution but it will take time for people to accept it. Until then, we will work on establishing a state bank. It will finance new production.

TOM

The state is in a huge debt. It has no money to establish a bank.

PATRICIA

We plan to pass a law by which the bank will issue money for such purposes. We will print the money.

BILL

(Intrudes)

You cannot do it. Printing money produces inflation. It devalues our money, the savings of citizens.

PATRICIA

Relax Mr. O'Brian. Private Banks continuously create money. The Public Bank will operate the same way as private banks do but the profit will no longer belong to individuals but to society as a whole. Inflation will not be any greater than it is today.

BILL

When the state starts printing money, it is a never ending production of money.

PATRICIA

We do not intend to produce money without end. But we do think that inflation is better than an economic crisis. We will use the printed money mainly for the establishment of public companies that will hire workers and make money. This will be our contribution to relieve the crisis.

BILL

State companies have never been more efficient than private ones and they never will be. The owners of private companies are responsible for the failure of their enterprises by their capital. Public companies are not responsible to anyone. You will only produce losses.

PATRICIA

We are working on solving the problem of irresponsibility in state companies. We believe that future production will be based on public companies.

BILL

(Cynically)

You may only believe.

TOM

Let's go on. Mrs. Green, you intend to solve the problem of unemployment through reduced working hours?

PATRICIA

Yes, shorter working hours will completely solve the problem of unemployment. In addition, we expect that the full employment would enable workers to demand higher wages. Workers will earn more, buy more and that will help overcome the economic crisis.

TOM

Mr. President, how do you perceive solving the problem of unemployment by reducing work hours?

BILL

The unemployment problem cannot be successfully solved without increasing the productivity of the economy. The reduction of work time means sharing the poverty.

TOM

Do you have something else to add before we finish? Mr. President?

BILL

I have a real program, unlike my competitor. I will solve the problems of the economy through well-established means and that is why people will choose me. I'll win the election again.

TOM

Mrs. Green?

PATRICIA

New ideas for the development of society are constantly repressed. We have so many new ideas that they could not fit ten broadcasts such as this one. Perhaps my most important offer is... (she turns to camera) ... dear viewers, you will be able to judge my work. If I do not fulfill my promises, if I disappoint you, each of you would be able to evaluate me negatively. It would be so hurtful that I would have to resign. Of course if you would be happy with me, you would reward me with positive evaluations and that would mean a lot to me.

TOM

(Somewhat thoughtfully  
pronounces)

I wish you both much success in the elections.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

Presenter John Anderson simultaneously talks with his colleagues Richard Evans, Susan Smith and Martin Robertson, who are in the second study.

JOHN

Presidential candidates have presented their views. President O'Brien was more on the conservative side while Mrs. Green has proposed radical changes in politics and economics. Would these changes bring her votes or would they drive people into the hands of the conservatives? Richard!

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

RICHARD

Ms. Green was over radical for my taste, although one must admit that she was convincing. It's hard to tell how the people will vote.

JOHN

(Voice only)

Susan?

SUSAN

You know that I do not believe in that what Mrs. Green offers but I cannot predict the outcome of the elections.

JOHN

(Voice only)

Martin?

MARTIN

I am also more on the conservative side. We'll see tomorrow. Let the best win.

INT HEADQUARTERS OF THE HUMANIST PARTY DAY

INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE HUMANIST PARTY DAY

The room is full of people. A man is holding a newspaper and reads. The front page is facing the camera. On it is written in big bold letters: "The first female president." "Patricia Green won the election." There is not euphoria in the room, the victory was expected. George and Patricia toast each other with glasses full of champagne.

GEORGE

We will change the world!

PATRICIA

We will!

INT PUBLIC TV STUDIO EVENING

Presenter Tom Lawson presents the latest news.

TOM

On the first day after the inauguration, President Patricia Green has immediately signed the law on the mutual evaluation of the

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TOM (cont'd)

people. As of tomorrow, all residents will be able to give three positive and three negative evaluations per month to anyone in the country. For now, the evaluations will not have any executive power in financial terms, they will just show what people are favored and disfavored throughout the country. President Green believes that this will improve society. - President Green also passed the law on work time reduction. The law shall be in force three months from now. At that point in time, work will be limited to 7 hours a day. According to President Green, this will solve unemployment. - President Green also signed the tax law. She set a total income tax minimum of 20% so that the system can function. According to President Green the collective consumption will follow the needs of the people from now much more.

EXT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

A large baroque castle with a huge garden. Two limousines are approaching the entrance of the castle. Two elderly men get out of the limousines and quickly enter the castle.

INT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

In the large library of the baroque castle sits three elderly grey gentlemen: Jacob Rosenthal, Edmond Rosenthal and David Rubinstein.

JACOB

The Humanist Party has won the first battle, and for this, one should give them credit. In three months the law on working time reduction will be effective. Daily work will be shortened by one whole hour. This will cause damage to us but we will work hard so that it hurts the Humanist Party as well. Please inform all our companies to freeze all planned investments. Explain that we have to save money

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JACOB (cont'd)  
 due to the recession. Send a demand  
 to all of our companies to  
 restructure their operations so  
 that production does not suffer.  
 All workers will receive reduced  
 wages for the hour they do not work  
 anymore. In addition, proclaim to  
 all of our businesses that because  
 of the economic downturn we will  
 stop hiring workers. It must be  
 carried out even if our companies  
 start losing money. Let humanists  
 employ people in the  
 administration.

DAVID  
 We are stronger, we will crush  
 them.

EDMOND  
 I am hurt mostly because of the  
 loss of control over the state  
 budget.

JACOB  
 Yes. We can no longer decide how  
 the national budget is going to be  
 spent. We will lose secure state  
 jobs but it will cost the humanists  
 dearly as well.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I EVENING

JOHN  
 In the last six months the system  
 of mutual evaluation among people  
 has made positive changes in  
 society. People relate better to  
 each other and it is a great  
 success. Even my boss is nicer to  
 me. For a long time he has not said  
 that I am talking nonsense. Just  
 kidding, just kidding. Martin, do  
 you think it is better?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II EVENING

Three journalists: Richard Evans, Susan Smith and Martin  
 Robertson report live through three TV images that are  
 inserted into the big screen.

MARTIN

The evaluation system is undoubtedly a good idea. And what is even more incredible is that it works even without monetary rewards and punishments. I see progress everywhere. People respect each other more, no shouting, cursing, nobody is throwing garbage on the street. People are definitely nicer than they were before. Well, I am among them as well. Awesome.

JOHN

(Voice only)

Susan?

SUSAN

Well I must admit that I see positive changes too, although I'm not satisfied with the fact that everyone can evaluate me.

JOHN

(Voice only)

Richard?

RICHARD

John, I checked on the server. The most negative evaluations are given to former president O'Brien. It seems that the people have been blaming him a lot. You will not guess who got the most positive rating...

JOHN

(Voice only)

Who?

RICHARD

Lady Gaga.

JOHN

I guess she models the aspirations of society better than anyone else.

They all laugh.

RICHARD

(Continues)

I do not know whether it is the result of the evaluations, but my

(MORE)

RICHARD (cont'd)  
 wife brought coffee to me in bed.  
 (Smiles) I hope she is not watching  
 this.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I EVENING

JOHN  
 On the other hand, the economy is  
 still not good. For six months the  
 economy has not improved even a  
 little bit. It's stagnating or even  
 deteriorating. The state has no  
 money. Collected taxes are not  
 nearly enough to cover the services  
 that citizens are accustomed to.  
 Even more, earnings have slightly  
 fallen. New positions are not  
 opening. The recession is slowly  
 but constantly expanding. Martin,  
 how do you look at it?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II EVENING

MARTIN  
 Yes, the government's measures did  
 not improve the economy. It seems  
 that employers are afraid of a  
 greater recession or are boycotting  
 the government's measures. Doesn't  
 look good.

JOHN  
 (Voice only)  
 Susan?

SUSAN  
 Exactly what I predicted happened.  
 Shortening working hours did not  
 increase employment. The humanist  
 government has established  
 completely wrong economic policies.  
 A coordinated action between  
 governments and employers is needed  
 but it is nonexistent.

JOHN  
 (Voice only)  
 Richard?

RICHARD  
 I agree with Susan. If the  
 government and employers do not  
 (MORE)

RICHARD (cont'd)  
 find a satisfactory solution it  
 will not be good.

INT HEADQUARTERSS OF HUMANIST PARTY EVENING

Patrick, George, and Patricia are watching the GNN report on television. When it finishes the conversation begins.

GEORGE

I have expected that people will reduce taxes after years of being subject to impost. Do not be despondent. When people realize how much is lost with low taxes, when they realize that the common consumption is more rational and better for the economy, they will raise taxes. Then it will be better.

PATRICK

People were not satisfied with the economy as well. The economy is strangling us. I have received more negative evaluations from people than positive.

GEORGE

I have a more negative score as well. Our weapons are turned against us. It hurts.

Patrick shakes his head displeased.

PATRICIA

How about we try to find common ground with employers?

GEORGE

If they had a solution we would not have had the opportunity to come to power. They do not want to take the burden of change and people cannot.

PATRICIA

How are we doing with forming public companies?

PATRICK

(Shakes his head)

We need time to make them work. But I do not feel good about them. Like

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PATRICK (cont'd)

I'm between the hammer and the anvil. If we do not move forward we are sinking deeper into the recession and if the public company cannot manage well then we will sink into even worse problems.

GEORGE

Have a little optimism. We need to go forward.

PATRICK

We still cannot make public companies more productive than private companies. We still cannot prevent managers of public companies to rob their companies.

GEORGE

We will chase crime.

PATRICK

It is very difficult to prove an intentionally bad business.

GEORGE

Capitalism has no answer to this problem either. Top executives are paid astronomically in order to be averted from working for the competition.

A brief pause, they think.

GEORGE

(Continues)

Do you think we rushed with these reforms?

Patrick thinks over and answers.

PATRICK

If an invoice is going to be delivered to us to cover the losses of public enterprises, then we did.

GEORGE

We have not rushed. We still have plenty of available options. Ideally we should seek the escape in the new ideas we have developed.

PATRICIA

It is too early. Besides, we cannot rely on a long run project when we need a solution today.

GEORGE

What if we press the private companies harder? I think we should reduce the work day to 6 hours?

PATRICK

Why do you think we could endure longer than the employers?

GEORGE

I don't, but I hope. They will not have enough manpower. They will have to employ. This could turn the situation over.

PATRICK

While we manage that the anger of the unemployed workers and the workers with lower salaries will knock us down!

GEORGE

I did not say that the idea is perfect. You could ask the people whether they are for that. Perhaps the employers may get scared with our proposal.

PATRICIA

What if the people reject the further reduction of work hours. Where are we then?

GEORGE

Then all that is left is to print money and distribute it to the people.

PATRICIA

What?

GEORGE

Economic crises are essentially based on an insufficient amount of money in the market and too many goods that nobody could buy. If we distribute money to the people, goods will be bought and that would be the exit from the crisis.

PATRICIA

I know that, but the money will lose its value. Those who have money will be angry with us.

GEORGE

We have already covered a part of the budget by issued money. Inflation is not great because the money usually ends up in the hands of the owners of big businesses and stays there frozen.

PATRICIA

And if you distribute the issued money to the people, again it would end up in the hands of the owners of big capital.

GEORGE

It will, but the economy will start moving. Besides, printing money will give us a powerful tool that will force the owners of big capital to co-operate with us. If money starts losing its value, they will not keep it in their pockets. They will be forced to invest their money and the economy will run even more.

PATRICK

You are fully right. Inflation is a smaller problem than the crisis. And bankers deserve to be punched in their noses.

PATRICIA

I would suggest the distribution of money to the people as the last option. I hope that the owners of private enterprises will get frightened from the idea of further shortening work hours and that they would then start employing. For now, this is the best option.

GEORGE

I agree. But the state must be stronger than bankers.

Patricia nods her head, winks at him and smiles. Patrick smiles.

INT BEDROOM IN PRESIDENT RESIDENCE MORNING

President Green sleeps alone in a spacious bedroom in the president's residence. 8.00AM - The alarm clock rings. Patricia wakes up and turns off the alarm clock. She gets up and goes to the bathroom.

INT BATHROOM OF PRESIDENT RESIDENCE MORNING

Patricia is in the shower. Through the blurry shower glass door one can see her naked body with beautiful breasts. Her secretary Bianca Scot enters the bathroom. She is a very attractive woman in her thirties, wearing a very nice dress.

BIANCA

Mrs. President, good morning.

Patricia turns the water off and asks from the shower.

PATRICIA

What happened?

BIANCA

I'm sorry to disturb you. General Johnson wants you to receive him urgently. He has been waiting for you since six o'clock in the morning.

PATRICIA

What does he want?

BIANCA

I do not know exactly, but I think it's about the military budget.

PATRICIA

You made me think World War III started or something like that!

BIANCA

I apologize, but he was so persistent that I had to notify you. What should I do?

PATRICIA

Next time tell the persistent to announce themselves.

BIANCA

I will.

PATRICIA

Tell the general to meet me in the blue room. I will come.

Patricia turns the water back on and continues showering.

INT BLUE ROOM MORNING

Large oval room with high ceilings, large windows and a few doors. A tea table with chairs is in the middle of the room and plenty of chairs and sofas are placed along the walls. On the walls are many paintings. General Johnson, an older gentleman in uniform waits in the room. Patricia enters the room fresh and nicely dressed. She is holding a cup of coffee.

PATRICIA

Good morning, General. I am very busy. Please be brief.

They shake hands.

GENERAL JOHNSON

Mrs. President. What is happening is horrible. The military budget has been cut in half.

PATRICIA

I am concerned as well with the peoples' reduction of tax.

GENERAL JOHNSON

The army cannot survive!

PATRICIA

We all have to adjust to the new budget. The Army is particularly affected, but there is no help.

GENERAL JOHNSON

If we reduce the size of the army, we will be vulnerable.

PATRICIA

Dear General, I have no more impact on the budget than you do and if I did, I would not meet your needs. I think we spend too much on the defense of the state. The budget could be better used.

GENERAL JOHNSON

The defense of the country is not useful?

PATRICIA

We are equipped with so many weapons that nobody would think to attack us.

GENERAL JOHNSON

Have you forgotten 9/11?

PATRICIA

That was revenge against our aggressive imperialist policy. There will be no more defense of our country throughout the world. We will bring the boys back home and then no one will attack us.

GENERAL JOHNSON

Mrs. President I do not know how many enemies you have, but now you definitely have one more.

PATRICIA

Then I will also be opened to you. I sincerely hope that people will one day completely eliminate cash funding for the army and that the army will be completely abolished. People have paid enough to fund the military service of criminals.

General Johnson left the blue room without a word. Patricia made a face that shows she can't do anything else and shrugs her shoulders.

INT BEDROOM NIGHT

Bedroom of apartment owned by Jane. Large room with modern furniture and a king size bed. The lighting is very dim. Jane and Jack are lying naked in the bed gently kissing and making love.

Jane is asleep. Jack is awake. He gets out of bed naked, takes something from his jacket in the dark and goes into the office. He sits at a very nice desk made of mahogany. He turns the table lamp on and searches for something in the drawers. He finds some papers and studies them. Then he takes his cell phone and takes pictures of the documents. When he finishes he quietly goes back to bed.

INT KITCHEN MORNING

The modern kitchen of the apartment belonging to Jane. Jack and Jane are sitting at the kitchen table, dressed and are eating breakfast.

JANE

Do you want me to make you toast?

JACK

(Smiles)

I want your kiss.

Jane rises up from the chair and kisses him. Jane looks in his eyes and says.

JANE

I don't remember being this happy.

Jack looks firmly in Jane's eyes and says.

JACK

I love you more and more, every day.

Jane jumps onto Jack's lap, puts her arms around his neck and starts kissing him. Jack squeezes Jane's lap and replies with a passionate kiss. At that moment a cell phone starts ringing in Jack's pocket. After a while Jane moves away and says.

JANE

I can't do it while it is ringing.

Jack looked at who it is.

JACK

Sorry my boss is calling me.

He answers the phone. "Where is the fire Bob? ... yes ...  
... OK .... no problem ... in half an hour." (He disconnect)

JACK

(Continued conversation with Jane)

He wants me to bring something.

JANE

God what a pleasure watching you.  
Give me the phone.

JACK  
Why do you need it?

JANE  
I want to take a picture of you.

JACK  
Use your own. Mine is low on  
battery.

JANE  
(is politely persistent)  
Give it to me, give it to me...

JACK  
Please not right now.

Jane asks with a voice that does not allow an afterword.

JANE  
Come on.

Jack reluctantly hands the phone to her. She takes his pictures, once, twice, he frowns. He is almost scared.

JANE  
Where is the smile? Cheeeeeese ...

Jack smiles bitterly. Jane takes another shot.

JANE  
(Continues playfully)  
Now I'm just gonna send these to  
myself so I can watch you all day.

JACK  
Don't do it now, please.

Jane does not listen. Opens images to choose which ones to send to herself. The first is good and she nods her head. And the second is good. Again, she nods. The third is a bit blurry, she frowns and deletes it. She views the fourth image and sees the image of a document on her desk. It surprises her. Then she becomes serious.

JANE  
This is my desk, my papers...

Jack was pale. An awkward silence comes.

JACK  
Calm down. I'll explain everything.

JANE  
 (A serious voice)  
 Explain!

Again silence occurs. Jack does not know what to say. Tears appear in Jane's eyes. Jack surrenders.

JACK  
 It was supposed to be just a job  
 but I have really fallen in love  
 with you.

Again silence occurs and then Jane whispers.

JANE  
 Leave.

JACK  
 Jane please don't. I love you ...

Jane turns away from him. Jack sees that he has no chance, he is sad, gets up, stretches out his hand to take his phone, but she moves the phone away.

JANE  
 (Says calmly)  
 Get out.

Jack silently leaves her apartment.

INT TV STUDIO FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION EVENING

TV presenter Tom Lawson leads the discussion on the economic crisis. Participants are Patrick Nelson, Patricia Green, and George Sullivan. They all sit in comfortable chairs. In the theater there are about 200 spectators.

TOM  
 Good evening dear viewers. As you see the entire national leadership is visiting us, the President of State Patricia Green, Patrick Nelson the President of Parliament and the President of the Humanistic Party George Sullivan. Good evening.

GEORGE  
 Good evening.

PATRICIA  
 Good evening.

PATRICK

Good evening.

TOM

Today we will discuss why the economy is not getting out of the crisis. Mr. Nelson, have you the answer?

PATRICK

The reasons are numerous, but they all can be summarized as follows - there is not enough money on the market. Customers do not have enough money to buy, and so producers produce less. The development of the economy requires greater purchasing power of the people in the first place.

PATRICIA

(Adds)

We have been working intensively to fix the lack of money in the market. We have established the public bank. It will soon begin providing start-up capital for the establishment of public companies and their consumers. But it takes time.

TOM

The reduction of working time was supposed to increase the demand for labor, but it did not happen. Why?

GEORGE

Private companies are trying to maintain the same productivity through fewer work hours.

TOM

Are they successful?

PATRICK

No. But it is obviously a smaller problem to them than full employment.

TOM

Why do you think so?

PATRICK

When there are not enough workers, employers raise wages in order to be able to hire. Of course, employers do not like this. They prefer much more unemployed workers because they are forced to accept low wages to be able to feed their families.

TOM

Mr. Sullivan, what can we do?

PATRICK

It is necessary to establish a balance of between the supply and demand of labor.

TOM

How?

GEORGE

We need to shorten work hours more.

TOM

Well, you have already tried it and failed.

GEORGE

We intend to shorten daily work hours by one more hour. The business day should now last only six hours. We believe that a six hour work day would force companies to hire workers.

TOM

Have you decided?

GEORGE

We want the people to decide. We have already entered the question on our internet application and anyone could enter their decisions today. If the majority decides to shorten working hours, we will do it.

TOM

If people do not accept it?

GEORGE

Then we would have to look for new ways out of the crisis. But we think people will accept the new reduction of work hours because it is in their interest. Even employers can find their interest in it. When a equilibrium between supply and demand of work is established, it will form optimally high wages for workers. This will raise the purchasing power of people and help the economy be rid of the crisis.

TOM

I am pleased that you offer a democratic escape from the crisis.

PATRICIA

We advocate a full democracy. People will be deciding about everything they have an interest in, or will have the power to judge those who make decisions on their behalf. We just pay our responsibility to the people for not making successful enough decisions in their name.

TOM

How do you pay it?

PATRICIA

We, all three of us, have recently received more negative evaluations from the people than positive. This is very unpleasant. But these negative evaluations have pressed us to pool the country out of the crisis as soon as possible.

One girl from the audience in her twenties raises her hand to ask a question. Tom sees her.

TOM

We have a question from the audience. (speaks to her) Please go ahead.

GIRL

If you shorten the day work to six hours, would we be able to maintain

(MORE)

GIRL (cont'd)  
the living standards we are used  
to?

TOM  
Who will answer this question?

Patrick waves his hand.

PATRICK  
We do not believe that the  
reduction of work hours would  
reduce the living standards of  
people. We think that the result  
would be opposite. Cheap labor has  
enabled liberal capitalism to use  
it irrationally. We believe that  
reducing work hours will make work  
more expensive and therefore it  
would be used more rationally.  
Productivity will increase, and so  
the standard of living will  
increase as well.

TOM  
Interesting.

PATRICIA  
(Adds)  
Rationality should form a more  
humane capitalism in which the  
whole society would live better.

GIRL  
What do you mean?

PATRICIA  
We must learn that money is not the  
only value. The question is how  
much we earn and how much we lose  
because work steals our time that  
we could use to socialize, for  
family, leisure. All this will be  
available a lot more through the  
reduction of work hours. We believe  
that people will be much more  
satisfied than they are today.

INT CAFFE BAR EVENING

When the broadcast of the television show in which guests are Patrick Nelson, Patricia Green, and George Sullivan is complete, the camera zooms out from the TV until a cozy little café appears. In it sit Karl Feherty and attorney Paul Brightman at the table. They drink coffee and talk.

EXT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

INT BAROQUE CASTLE DAY

In a large library of the baroque castle in comfortable armchairs and sofas sit five elderly gentlemen: Jacob Rosenthal, Edmond Rosenthal, Evelyn Rosenthal, David Rubinstein, and Peter Chief.

JACOB

These humanists are hard players.  
We need to give in.

DAVID

Jacob, why?

JACOB

We cannot win now.

DAVID

We have companies, we have money,  
we can endure much longer.

JACOB

Can you not see that this George is  
crazy. What if he shortens work  
hours to 4 hours per day? Who will  
then work for us? We will have to  
pay the workers with pure gold.

DAVID

He would not dare. I have a man in  
their board of directors. They are  
in trouble.

JACOB

I have a man in our board of  
directors. Our banks and companies  
are also in trouble.

DAVID

We could transfer our companies to  
the third world countries. Work is  
cheaper there.

JACOB

David we are already in trouble because of that. We did it too much. Our customers are here. If they lose their purchasing power we would suffer as well.

EDMOND

David, Jacob is right. When we increase the purchasing power of people we would profit as well.

JACOB

Yes. But it's not the whole story. They are not the first socialists who tried to beat us. We'll outsmart them. We will start investing our money again, employing people and that will improve the situation for them and for us. But I am thinking long term. Sooner or later they will get into trouble. When they lose power we will privatize public companies and restore everything back to the old system.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

It seems that the situation in society has improved considerably in the last six months. Companies have started to employ. The money is circulating much more. It seems that labor shortages raise wages. The economy emerges out from the crisis. People are happy and that is important. I can only say just one word - phenomenal. Martin, how are you doing?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

MARTIN

I am thrilled just like you John. I can see everywhere people are happier than before. I hope this will last.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

Unfortunately I have one piece of bad news for you, dear viewers. Before the show, Susan informed me that this is her last appearance on the small screen. She got an offer from the administration that she could not refuse. I am sorry that you are leaving us Susan.

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

SUSAN

And I am sorry to leave. I'll miss you all my dear colleagues in the studio and you, dear viewers.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN

We will miss you too, Susan. We will miss your brilliantly comprehensive comments and your strong argumentative power.

INT TV STUDIO GNN CORRIDOR DAY

Susan leaves through the corridor and Martin hurries to catch her up.

MARTIN

(Calls her)

Susan!

Susan stops.

MARTIN

(Continues)

You got a job in the administration that you could not refuse? What kind of shit is that!

SUSAN

That "shit" is serious! I have received 250,000 bad evaluations. When they introduce a dollar per evaluation I will not be able to bear it. I am leaving while I still can.

MARTIN

Why do you not modify your views  
like all normal people?

SUSAN

I cannot bend my spine. Never have,  
never will.

MARTIN

Nobody has ever corrected you?

SUSAN

No.

MARTIN

Susan, Susan ... You have received  
instructions from the day you were  
born just like all of us. The only  
difference is that you've been an  
excellent student that has no  
longer needed to be corrected.

SUSAN

Maybe you're right Martin but it  
won't change anything.

MARTIN

I am sorry that you are leaving.

SUSAN

I am sorry too Martin.

EXT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

INT HEADQUARTERS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

Patrick Nelson, and George Sullivan sit in the office and  
talk.

GEORGE

We have managed to fix the  
situation.

PATRICK

Not only that, but we have received  
numerous positive evaluations from  
the people. Could we introduce  
rewards and punishments in dollars  
now?

GEORGE

We have another great battle, which  
could cost us dearly.

PATRICK  
Slow down please. This was too  
stressful for me.

GEORGE  
OK. We have deserved a good rest.  
We'll carry on in the fall.

PATRICK  
I am invited to a party tonight. Do  
you want to go with me?

GEORGE  
I cannot, I have a date.

PATRICK  
With whom?

GEORGE  
With Patricia.

PATRICK  
What?

GEORGE  
I'm going out with Patricia.

PATRICK  
If someone else told me that you  
are going out with Patricia, I  
would not believe it. You are so  
...

GEORGE  
What?

PATRICK  
... such an unusual couple.

GEORGE  
(Smiles)  
It's good that you're clever.

PATRICK  
(Smiles)  
Have a great time.

GEORGE  
(Confidently)  
We will.

## INT LUXURY RESTAURANT EVENING

A very romantic place. Soft music playing. George and Patricia, formally dressed, sit at a table for two, and are drinking aperitifs. There are plenty of guests but the tables are widely separated so that they all have their intimate space. At the next table sit the president bodyguards. They can be recognized by silently monitoring the restaurant and by the headsets in their ears.

PATRICIA

(Smiles)

Who knows how long it's been since I've been to such a beautiful place..

GEORGE

(Smiles)

It's all the more beautiful because you're in it. You look fantastic in your dress.

PATRICIA

(Smiles)

Thank you.

GEORGE

(Smiles)

You're the most beautiful to me.

Patricia smiles. They are approached by a waiter who brings the menus.

WAITER

Good evening. Do you have a special wish?

GEORGE

I'm not picky. Patricia you?

PATRICIA

What would you recommend?

WAITER

I recommend the Alaskan salmon.

PATRICIA

Good idea. Does it come with sea vegetables?

WAITER

Of course.

PATRICIA

And spinach with toasted sesame  
please.

GEORGE

I would like a classic steak,  
medium rare, and please bring the  
best champagne you have. Patricia  
do you agree?

Patricia confirmed the orders with a smile. They smile a lot  
to each other. Orchestra plays very romantic music.

GEORGE

(Smiles)

May I ask you to dance?

PATRICIA

(Smiles)

I'd like to dance.

George leads Patricia to the dance floor, they start dancing  
but George brings up an inappropriate topic.

GEORGE

I've been thinking about paying off  
the national debt.

Patricia put her finger to his lips. George shuts up and she  
kisses him on the lips. They watch each other for a few  
moments and then George kisses Patricia long and gently.  
Visitors of the restaurant are astonished by what was  
happening. The other dancers stop dancing and leave the  
dance floor. George and Patricia are left alone on the  
stage. Some patrons are taking out their mobile phones and  
are taking pictures of the scene. George and Patricia ignore  
it. They kiss tenderly and continue as if there is no world  
around them.

Suddenly, the silence is broken by a sharp "CUT". The camera  
rotates toward the direction of the voice and presents the  
director of the movie who happily stands and rubs his hands.  
Then it becomes clear that the camera does not show a  
restaurant but the final scene of the film. There is a  
complete film set with director, producers, actors, experts,  
assistants. The director gives a thumbs up to everyone.  
There are Jim and Mary Connors; Jacob , Edmund and Evelyn  
Rosenthal, David Rubenstein, Susan Smith, Richard Evens and  
all the other actors. Everyone is dressed casually in their  
everyday clothes. All congratulate and applaud because they  
feel that they have made an extraordinary film. George and  
Patricia are still kissing. The director is surprised and  
then it becomes clear that a new love is born. They all turn

to them and enhance the applause. Jane and Jack White who standing next to each other lead the applause, laughing and commenting on something. Then George and Patricia finally become aware that they are the center of attention, and separate with a shy laugh. All are very happy, cheerful and smiling.

FADE OUT

EXT WASHINGTON DC NATIONAL MALL DAY

FADE IN

About 200 people gather at the National Mall in Washington to support the American Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On the stage with a microphone approaches a politician.

POLITICIAN 1

Ladies and gentlemen, dear people ,  
I am the president of the  
Humanistic Party. - Our party  
intends to pull this country out of  
the economic crisis. We will move  
our economy forward by issuing  
money ...

The audience happily applauds.

FADE OUT

EXT BEIJING TIANMEN SQUARE DAY

FADE IN

About 500 people gather at Tianmen Square in Beijing to support the Chinese Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage over a microphone speaks a new politician in Mandarin language.

POLITICIAN 2

In addition, we will shorten  
working hours by one hour.  
Employers will hire to be able to  
maintain production. Labor  
shortages will increase wages.  
Thus, with our help, you will be  
able to purchase more and improve  
the economy...

The audience happily claps and loudly supports the speaker.

FADE OUT

EXT TRG NEW DELHI INDIA GATE DAY

FADE IN

About 1,000 people gather at India Gate Square in New Delhi to support the Indian Humanist Party. Some are holding banners of the new party. On stage over a microphone speaks a politician in Hindu language.

POLITICIAN 3

Dear people, if you vote for the Humanistic Party, we will allow you to participate in making important decisions in your society. We have developed a web application by which you will decide how much tax you want to pay. You will also decide on how much taxes you want to allocate for the army, health, and everything else you need, desire or wish for. Thus, the common consumption will follow your needs and not the needs of the administration...

The audience happily claps and loudly supports the speaker.

FADE OUT

EXT BERLIN BRANDENBURG GATE DAY

FADE IN

About 2,000 people gather in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin, Germany to support the Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage over a microphone speaks a female politician in German.

POLITICIAN 4

We, the humanistic party, propose a mutual evaluation of people over the internet. Each person will be entitled to reward and punish three persons per month. A positive evaluation will bring an award of one dollar to the evaluated person and a negative evaluation will bring a one dollar punishment. What do we get? People who get bad evaluations will try to correct their behavior towards all people...

The audience happily applauds and supports the politician.

FADE OUT

EXT CAIRO SQUARE RABIATU'L - ADEVIYEU DAY

FADE IN

About 5,000 people gather at the square Rabiatu'l - Adeviyeu in Cairo to support the Egyptian Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage with a microphone speaks a politician in Arabic.

POLITICIAN 5

Bullies will not attack children at schools any more, bosses will not abuse their employees, sales people will not cheat their customers, politicians will not lie to voters. A president of a country can receive a negative evaluation from a hundred million people for poor policies and lies. It will cost him one hundred million dollars in just one month...

The audience happily clapping and support the speaker loudly.

FADE OUT

EXT BUENOS AIRES PLAZA DE MAYO DAY

FADE IN

Around 10,000 people gathered at the Plaza de Mayo in Buenos Aires to support the Argentine Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage with a microphone speaks a politician in Spanish.

POLITICIAN 6

Only the most skillful and bravest individuals would dare lead the country. Mutual evaluations among people will eliminate social evil. Everyone will try to please others in the best possible way...

The audience happily claps and loud supports the speaker.

FADE OUT

EXT MOSCOW RED SQUARE DAY

FADE IN

Around 50,000 people gather at the Red Square in Moscow to support the Russian Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage over a microphone speaks a female politician in Russian.

POLITICIAN 7

Understand this good people, our party will not disappoint you, because it would be expensive to us. Visit our web site to better understand the Humanist Party program...

The audience happily claps and strongly supports the female politician.

FADE OUT

EXT PARIS STREET DENFERT - ROCHEREAU DAY

FADE IN

Around 100,000 people gather in the street Denfert - Rochereau in Paris to support the French Humanist Party. Many are holding banners of the new party. On stage with a microphone through speakers speaks a politician in French.

POLITICIAN 8

We offer a far better tomorrow. Vote for the Humanist Party because it would literally mean you are voting for yourself for the first time.

The audience happily applauds and euphorically supports the speaker.

FADE OUT

THE END