

Screenplay 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 the country out of the economic crisis. We are going to issue money and invest it and that will move the economy up. - - 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 we will help you, and you will purchase more and that will help the economy. - - Dear people, if you vote for us, we will allow you to participate in making important decisions in 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. 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. Neither  
 would we dare to disappoint you,  
 because it would cost us dearly. -  
 - Visit us at our website to learn  
 more about the program of our  
 Party. - - We offer a far better  
 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 television. One  
 would say that they are not particularly well off. On  
 television, George's speech in the election campaign is  
 concluding.

JIM  
 Are you seeing this?

MARY  
 I am.

JIM  
 Who is this George?

MARY  
I don't know.

JIM  
He speaks well...

MARY  
Maybe he lies?

JIM  
I do not believe it. His solutions are very simple and logical. Besides that, did 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  
If the rich support him it is not big money.

JIM  
No way the rich support him. We need to support him.

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 never 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 a large library in the baroque castle in comfortable armchairs and sofas sit five elderly gentlemen: 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 come on national television?

EVELIN

Someone failed to take our instructions seriously or might deliberately be trying to sabotage us.

DAVID

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

PETER

OK

DAVID

This man should be removed!

EDMOND

Take it easy David, he is nothing. His death would only give strength to his ideas.

DAVID

I did not think to remove him physically, but politically. He is no longer allowed to appear on television. Anywhere.

PETER

(Intrudes)

We do not control everything.

DAVID

(Nods)

If we do not control, then we have to work harder.

JACOB

The damage is done. Now we need to be wise. Edmond, try to find something that we can use against him through secret services. 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 live broadcast was a huge success? The phones have been ringing nonstop. Now we have millions of hits on our website. I could not have dreamed of such support.

PATRICK

I could not have either. My group has examined the voting will of the people. We can already count on 10% of the electoral votes yet we started from nothing. We are going to 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 fashionable. She carries a paper in her hand to read praises for the Humanist Party received by mail.

JANE

George, Patrick listen to this:  
"you gave back to us our lost hope"  
or "your ideas are God's  
providence" or "we are counting on  
you." I still cannot manage to read  
all the mail that has come to us.

GEORGE

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

JANE

(Nods his 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 speaks through the TV screen.

JOHN

... and now comes the big surprise.  
Just 15 days ago, the Humanist  
Party was virtually unknown.  
According to independent polls they

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JOHN (cont'd)  
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 about it?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

There are three journalists reporting live each in a separate image that are inserted 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 too. 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  
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SUSAN (cont'd)  
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 comes from?  
Susan what do you think?

INT TV STUDIO GNN II DAY

SUSAN  
As Richard said, we do not have any  
form of solution and it hurts  
people. The people are lost and  
begin believing in 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 redouble our  
efforts.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
Thank you for your comments. We  
will monitor the situation day by  
day. Thanks for your attention.

## INT CONFERENCE ROOM OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

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

PATRICK

If they attack us it would only be fair to invite us 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 went 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 sound system. One hears the ringing signal.

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

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SECRETARY OF CHIEF EDITOR (cont'd)  
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. I guess it is  
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.

One hears the phone ringing.

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 independent television and provide independent comments. 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 the level of 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.

One hears the phone ringing.

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 an 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. For the moment we only have room for 30 second advertisements.

GEORGE

Thank you very much.

He hangs up.

PATRICIA

Let's go over the internet. We have millions of visitors. It's not small.

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

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GEORGE (cont'd)  
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 searches 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

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JIM (cont'd)  
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  
Should we try to bring 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 the phone sound system.

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 and not your party.

GEORGE

Excuse me?

PAUL

He wants to involve you in business.

GEORGE

What kind of business?

PAUL

Mr. Rubenstein is offering 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. Now I know we will succeed.

PAUL

You are wrong.

GEORGE

Maybe.

PAUL

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

GEORGE

Thank you! Now I know that our ideas will change the world. And it will be a much better world. Please give Mr. Rubenstein my thanks for his offer.

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

(is 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  
Yes?

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

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JANE (cont'd)  
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 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. She would have to change otherwise the bad evaluations would drive her away from the job.

HILLARY

Now I really like it.

MARY

Go to their website and see what it is about. Then recommend them to everyone. Believe me, they are worth it.

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, 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 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, can you tell us the cause?

MARTIN

Probably because of the new ideas that George Sullivan suggested. Now it's just a question of whether the new voters will vote for 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 girls fought over me.

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 the center 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

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RICHARD (cont'd)  
 it is over. The ideas of the Humanist Party have obviously 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

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GEORGE (cont'd)  
 we will achieve that. Be prepared  
 people, it is coming soon. Soon  
 you'll make decisions for  
 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

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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 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 to alienate us each from other and to rule over us easily.

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. If someone recognizes the manipulation, he does not have access to media and cannot reveal it.

GEORGE

(Intrudes)

Even the President cannot appear on television if he does not follow the interests of the media owners.

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 do not know about you. I am in politics in order to change it.

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 then they do not broadcast it and no one knows it happened anymore.

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 we have passed through?!

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

If there is less money then there is less services available to people. It's on the citizens to realize what suits them best. How much money, that much music.

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

Sorry, I do not understand how would a shorter working day increases incomes?

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 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 over two images that are embedded in 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

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SUSAN (cont'd)  
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. The Humanist  
Party asks for huge change which  
would not be passed so easily.

INT TV STUDIO GNN I DAY

JOHN  
Thank you Richard. (Turns to  
audience) Now we have a 60 second  
commercial break. Stay with us.

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 law of the evaluation pass and give people the power to assess you for all the wars you have led.

BILL

If anyone 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 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 does not see the possibility of the implementation of the law about the mutual assessment of people. The President believes that the law would lead to anarchy with unforeseeable consequences. President O'Brien does not see the possibility to implement the law about taxes because it is a job for experts and 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

(MORE)

GEORGE (cont'd)  
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 could  
attract women's voices and become  
the first female president.  
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 would  
immediately start the presidential  
campaign. Also, we would  
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 objective information. It will be equally available to representatives of all groups and parties and will be completely unavailable for commercial messages.

PATRICK

President Bill O'Brien has vetoed our laws. Thus, we have adopted through rapid procedure the law on opinion polls. We managed to bypass the president and the law is in effect right now. On the basis of this law, we have formed an Internet application that will show what we need.

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  
Are you sure that this is not only encouraging?

GEORGE

I'm sure.

PATRICIA

(Smiles)

Thank you.

GEORGE

No need to thank me. Traveling across the whole country and endless talking are waiting for you. I would not like to be in your position.

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. 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

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BILL (cont'd)  
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 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

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PATRICIA (cont'd)  
 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 non-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 what 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 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 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 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

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

INT HEADQUARTERS 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 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 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 have so many weapons that nobody could 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 withdraw troops back to the country where they belong 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

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PATRICIA (cont'd)  
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 do not remember when I was that  
happy.

Jack looks firmly in Jane's eyes and says.

JACK  
I love you every day more and more.

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? Cheeeese ...

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  
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PATRICIA (cont'd)  
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

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PATRICIA (cont'd)  
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  
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 very much and your comments that had brilliant comprehension and a strong power of argument.

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  
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 nothing.

MARTIN  
I am sorry that you are leaving.

SUSAN  
I am sorry too Martin.

EXT HEADQUARTERSS OF HUMANIST PARTY DAY

INT HEADQUARTERSS 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 very many positive evaluations from people now. 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 I have not been  
in such a beautiful place.

GEORGE

(Smiles)

It's nice to me because you're  
here. 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.

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