

BOTTOM LINE: WHISTLING WHILE WE WORK

If you go to work with a smile on your face, you are pretty typical of the American worker, according to a national poll conducted by the Gallup Organization Inc.

Seventy-nine percent of working adults enjoy their jobs most or all of the time; in fact, the poll found that only 2 percent of us are truly disgruntled.

Conducted in June, the poll interviewed 723 adults and was done for accountants on call, a placement specialist in the accounting and bookkeeping field.

In addition, these facts were found to

tick off the relatively happy worker:

- 1 ■ Little or no recognition of effort, 41 percent.
- 2 ■ Company doesn't care, 36 percent.
- 3 ■ Lack of teamwork, 34 percent.
- 4 ■ Little opportunity to take the initiative, 28 percent.
- 5 ■ Trouble with boss, 21 percent.

So, for our great attitude, let's all take next Monday off.

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Management principles

Warning: In case some of you have read the attached column, don't take it to heart.

1. The regular paycheck is recognition enough for your efforts. Remember there is widespread unemployment-- there but for the grace of the Boss or god could be you.
2. Ask not what the "company" or government can do for you; only ask what you can do for the government or your Boss.
3. With strong autocratic leadership, teamwork is automatic. Remember the tried and proven axiom "when you have a man by the b---s, his heart and mind soon follow. My aversion to indecent expressions obviates similar reference for women.
4. I consider any opportunist initiatives hostile to my own prerogatives as the "boss" and leader.
5. Trouble with the boss will not be tolerated -- they are all important, if not all knowing. Besides most are too little involved with vital details to be really troublesome.

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