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# What Would A Day In Your Life Be Like Without The American Incentive System

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**WHAT WOULD A DAY  
IN YOUR LIFE BE LIKE**

**WITHOUT  
THE AMERICAN INCENTIVE SYSTEM?**

**7 a.m.**

Time to start the day with a cup of coffee. There's only one brand. Quality's not too good, but you probably won't know that, since you've never had an opportunity to select from different brands competing for your taste preferences.

**8 a.m.**

Off to work. Many of the kinds of jobs you work at today won't exist, for there would be no incentive to risk money creating jobs if there were no opportunity to make a profit.

**9 a.m.**

Perhaps there's a meeting at work this morning to discuss productivity. No reward particularly for doing a better job, but remember there may not be lots of places where you can look for work; so you work harder, longer, without any real hope for significant improvement.

**10 a.m.**

You have a doctor's appointment. Although you may not need to bring any money, you probably won't have much choice in who treats you -- or even in the quality or timeliness of treatment.

**12 noon**

Lunch time. There's a restaurant not far away. Food's not particularly good, and the menu has been the same for six months-- but since there are few choices, it really doesn't make a lot of difference.

**3 p.m.**

Time to pick up the kids. You're the only one on the block with a car. Oh, the Smiths ordered one eighteen months ago; they'll be able to help out when and if it comes in.

**7 p.m.**

TV time. No advertising to interrupt your favorite program. In fact, there won't be too many favorite programs. Tonight there is a report on the benefits of the classless society.

**11 p.m.**

Bedtime, and you can't understand why you're always bored; no zest for life, never anything challenging to look forward to.

*Is this an over-simplified version of life without the American Incentive System? Too dramatic? Too pessimistic? Perhaps, but before you answer, think about it a little while.*

*Is the competitive system--free choice, your right to decide for yourself what quality of life you wish for your family, how you will live, what you will buy and what you will pay, is freedom itself--important to you?*

*Ask anyone who has lived under another system.*

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