Bullshit Jobs



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From bestselling writer David Graeber, a powerful argument against the rise of meaningless, unfulfilling jobs, and their consequences.

Does your job make a meaningful contribution to the world? In the spring of 2013, David Graeber asked this question in a playful, provocative essay titled "On the Phenomenon of Bullshit Jobs." It went viral. After a million online views in seventeen different languages, people all over the world are still debating the answer.

There are millions of people—HR consultants, communication coordinators, telemarketing researchers, corporate lawyers—whose jobs are useless, and, tragically, they know it. These people are caught in bullshit jobs.

Graeber explores one of society's most vexing and deeply felt concerns, indicting among other villains a particular strain of finance capitalism that betrays ideals shared by thinkers ranging from Keynes to Lincoln. Bullshit Jobs gives individuals, corporations, and societies permission to undergo a shift in values, placing creative and caring work at the center of our culture. This book is for everyone who wants to turn their vocation back into an avocation.

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David Rolfe Graeber (/grebr/; born 12 February 1961) is a London-based anthropologist and anarchist activist, perhaps best known for his 2011 volume Debt: The First 5000 Years. He is Professor of Anthropology at the London School of Economics.

As an assistant professor and associate professor of anthropology at Yale from 1998–2007 he specialised in theories of value and social theory. The university's decision not to rehire him when he would otherwise have become eligible for tenure sparked an academic controversy, and a petition with more than 4,500 signatures. He went on to become, from 2007–13, Reader in Social Anthropology at Goldsmiths, University of London.

His activism includes protests against the 3rd Summit of the Americas in Quebec City in 2001, and the 2002 World Economic Forum in New York City. Graeber was a leading figure in the Occupy Wall Street movement, and is sometimes credited with having coined the slogan, "We are the 99 percent".

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工作 work 英文原著 社会学 政治 历史 随便翻翻 评论 This should be written into a 2 minute joke in a stand-up show in stead of a fucking book 不好读,啃了好久。诶我懂作者你是个无政府主义者,但是批判这批判那之后最后来个 universal basic income 还真是毫无新意……如果全民温饱就能让大家活得更有意义更快乐,那为什么还有那么多不愁温饱却苦大仇深的人?#欲海无边回头是岸不如还是过佛系生活吧

前面bullshit jobs的观察和分析还是不错的。回想起来我当年也干过两次Bullshit jobs,幸好都时间不长。某种政府下bullshit jobs更是触目惊心,30%的公务员;当然,他们当中最坏的不是不干事的那些,而是"干事"的那些。但书最后的universal basic income就扯淡了。作者肯定是不知道还有"三合大神"这个物种,计划生育造就了比美国总人口还多的这种生物,如果ubi了,世界就崩溃了。

 我重点看了一章对bullshit job的分类,发现自己落入了taskmaster
 看评分,这大概是左派人类学著作被当成popular psychology快餐书推销给了商科学生吧。

两章弃,读之前应该查下豆瓣评分,cynical 的闲聊硬生生撑出一本书,bullshit 本shit

(摊手

对"无价值工作"的界定有一些待商榷的地方,但只说作者发现并指出这一现象,又将其归结为"资本主义在异化和控制人"的观点,还是很有价值的。可惜的是,这些观点本身没有足够强有力的分析或论据作为支持。另外我个人觉得,缺乏对"财富分配模式如何形成"的讨论和批判,也使得整本书的论证框架有些破碎。适合拿来打发打发时间

Blinkist reads# Utterly unrealistic as it sounds, this book does offer a desirable working scheme that might come true for our future generations. It is already happening in Switzerland. So I guess many of the criticisms for the theory are quite undue.

这本书有两个问题:一是本来有意思的题材竟然写得很无趣,二是篇幅长到让人无法忍受(大约一个blog post就足够了),好像作者现身说法给读者看看写这本书对他来说就是一个bullshit job. 匆匆翻完,不推荐。

读者来信很有意思,论证一坨没跑了

这本书能火的原因,大概在于,作者抓住了大多数人都不喜欢自己工作的心理,为大家找到了一个情绪宣泄的出口;然而难以忽略的是,这本书无论是对现象的观察,原因的陈述,还是解决方案的倡议,都站不住脚。书中唯一的一个有意思的地方,自己之前也观察到却难以解释的:越是对社会有贡献的工作,比如护士、老师、清洁工、消防员等工资越低,而那些对社会没有太大贡献,甚至带来伤害的工作,比如银行家、营销人员、说客等等,工资反而高。

文风偏学术文笔滞涩导致阅读体验不佳(随便就能看到长达五六行的句子),最生动流畅的部分是essay读者关于BS

Jobs的自述,作者最后只花了总篇幅十分之一的笔墨提及universal basic income作为一种化解方法的可能性,且举例是印度,我…难以信服。冗长且未能解答难题,或许看essay版就好了。

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书评

在《狗屁工作(Bullshit Jobs)》一书中,伦敦经济学院的人类学家 David Graeber研究发现社会中毫无意义、甚至是有害的工作占了所有工作的一半以上,这种狗屁工作到处都是,还在不断膨胀。书中引用了数据分析公司YouGov在2015年对英国人进行了调查,询问他们是否认为自己的工作…

如何确认自己从事的是 bullshit job 呢,就是把一本叫 Bullshit Jobs: A Theory 的书看完了——2018年出版,作者是伦敦政治经济学院人类学教授、美国人 David Graeber——感觉读了一份自己的体检报告。 这本书源自 Graeber 在 2013 年为 Strike! 杂志写的一篇题为 On the Pheno...

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[&]quot;做不下去了!"

这是我经常干到半夜以后,或者收到客户或者合伙人一遍又一遍修改要求时内心的咆哮。"到底有什么意义?!"愤怒之后是质疑,质疑自己工作的意义。

[&]quot;根本就没有任何意义,对社会没有任何贡献,与我的价值观严重相悖!" 质疑之后是否定,我在做一份没有意义...