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What the Fuck France – Le travail

Hi my name is Paul Taylor, I'm English but I live here, in France. And one of the things that I've never understood is your relationship with work. Oh, what the fuck France.

I know what you're thinking Jean-Pierre, you're thinking “Paul there's no way in two minutes thirty you can cover the whole topic of working in France.” Yeah I know, I can't, but what I *can* tell you is that the rest of the world thinks that you're lazy bastards. “Now, why do they think that we are lazy, Paul?” I'm glad you fucking asked. They think you are lazy for three reasons :

Number one: working hours. In France, you've got one of the shortest working weeks in the world. Thirty-five hours! Are you kidding me? That means in one week you *don't* work for five point five days and you also get five weeks' paid-holiday, eleven public holidays. That means in one year you only work for one thousand five hundred and seventy-five hours or sixty-two point sixty-three days. Are you following me? That means you've got a ton of free time for complaining, complaining, and smoking. “Sir?”

Number two: the CDI, the Holy Grail of French society because in order to get anything done in France, you need a CDI. Like if you want an apartment you need a CDI. If you want a bank loan you need a CDI. And if you don't want to die alone, you also need a CDI. Which is why it's harder to find one of these things that it is to find Nemo.

But the best part is, once you've got one, it's almost impossible to get fired. “Hey, selfie, selfie, let's go!” Speaking of getting fired, the Americans created a TV show called 'The 'Apprentice' where candidates would fight for a job with Donald Trump. Oh how times have changed ...

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You guys tried to start the show here in France but it only lasted two episodes. Because obviously why would you go home to watch people work when you already hate working? And also the candidates, they misunderstood the whole aim of the game.

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“Génial !”

[Music]

In order for 'The Apprentice’ to work here, the catchline *should* have been :

“La personne que j'ai choisi de conserver dans l'entreprise aujourd'hui, ...c'est Benoit. Allez!”

“Non, j'veux pas travailler là, s'il vous plaît”

“Allez, allez, on se les gèle là, dépêche-toi. On a du taf”

Number forty-nine point three: unemployment benefits. In France you're one of the most generous countries when it comes to unemployment benefits. Because in England you only get up to a maximum of three hundred pounds for up to six months. But in France you get up to six thousand euros up to three years. Now if that's not an incentive to do fuck all, I don't know what it is.

So the rest of the world thinks that you're lazy but here's the thing : you're the sixth biggest economy in the world, so clearly Jean-Pierre, you're not lazy.

Oh and you're especially not lazy when it comes to leaving comments on videos like this. Alright let's go Hey, abonne-toi which means subscribe in French, which is what you should do because this channel is fucking amazing. Oh and also check out the other videos that we have.

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French people never complain, never moan about anything.

To get a CDI is not very easy in France

The Americans and the French have similar work ethics.

Too generous job benefits encourage people to look for a job. And yet, in spite of all that, France's economy is one of the strongest in the world.

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le sujet, le thème	the topic
paresseux	lazy
branl***s	lazy bast**s
content	glad
le/la plus court-e	the shortest
Tu te f*** de moi?	Are you kidding me?
congés payés	paid holidays
jours fériés	public holidays (un pont = a bank-holiday)
se plaindre, râler	complain (moan)
un prêt bancaire	a bank-loan
se faire virer	get fired
mal comprendre	misunderstand
une réplique	a catchline
allocations chômage	unemployment benefits
une incitation	an incentive
ne rien bra**er	do f*** all
s'abonner à	subscribe to
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