

HOW MUCH OVERTIME DO YOU DO?



Many office workers and bank employees regularly stay an hour or half-hour after work. Often overtime is not paid if it is less than an hour. And even at time-and-a-half rates, is it worth it? Overtime cuts into your leisure time - time you could spend relaxing.

"Even half an hour after work completely ruins my evening," says one office worker. "By the time I get dinner made and the dishes done and the kids in bed, it's 10 o'clock and I haven't even read the paper."

Another secretary says, "It doesn't seem to occur to my boss that I might have something better to do with my time."

"I worked eleven hours overtime one week and had to take two days off sick - that doesn't make sense."

"When so many people are unemployed, no one should be working overtime. They should hire more staff."

OVERTIME - What can you do about it? One of the things women in our union have been demanding is double-time pay for overtime, the right to refuse to work overtime, and triple-time pay for working on weekends. Not to mention wages good enough so that we don't need to work overtime to make ends meet.

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