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Re: Divide and conquer

Dear Editor,

Private sector workers are battling public sector workers over the dwindling crumbs of the American dream. At the same time since 2009, the most profitable companies in the US such as ExxonMobil, General Electric, Bank of America and Citigroup paid a total of \$0 in taxes to the US Treasury while handing out record bonuses to their CEOs. And billionaire Warren Buffet wonders what kind of a tax system makes his secretary pay a larger percentage of her income than he does, while bankers and hedge fund managers are laughing all the way to their off shore tax shelters with our bailout money.

Here's an idea: let's make our fat cat teachers, and those greedy janitors, give up their health plans, pensions and of course their six figure bonuses too. Just like those overworked, self sacrificing geniuses on Wall St. have done. You know, those brave executives who wouldn't rest until our economy was leveraged to the hilt and who then fled with their golden parachutes as it collapsed? Yup, it's all the fault of those selfish teachers and janitors- they should have known they would get blamed for the financial and mortgage derivatives meltdown.

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