

## Cast

**Welfare Worker, leader:** Gabe  
**Immigrant Worker, leader:** Laura  
**Owner #1:** Adam?  
**Owner #2:** Zack  
**Owners Server:** ?  
**Manager:** Kaité  
**Managers Server worker:** ?

**Media:** Amy  
**Politician:** Korrina?  
**Police:** Ryan?  
**Rural Workers:** #1 Tony, #2 Emer  
**City Workers:** #1 Alicia, #2 Ying, #3Celia

## Skit Outline

### Stage

3 separate sections – the ruling class behind the veil, the workers in the fields, the workers in the cities (factory).

### Begin

Working folks wake up, head out to their jobs.

First the ruralworkers wake up. Ruralworkers begin to work harvesting the corn.

**Ruralworker #1:**

**Ruralworker #2:**

Ruralworkers continue working

Then the city workers wake up.

*Dialogue*

**City Worker #1:**

**City Worker #2:**

The owners continue to sleep in.

*Fields:*

The workers in the field are harvesting corn. A manager comes in.

**Manager:** I will take the corn to the factory to have it popped and come back to pay you some time in the afternoon. But you must work harder. Sacrifice for your families, and remember you are helping to feed the nation.

By the way, next week some new equipment will be arriving, the Robopicker 9000 will revolutionize popcorn corn picking. Right now we are evaluating you're performance and some of you may be let go.

Manager has server pick up the popcorn kernals and he rushes them out.

*Dialogue*

**Ruralworker #3:**

**Ruralworker #4:**

Ruralworkers continue working.

*City*

The manager rushes in to the factory with the corn and hassles the workers to work fast get it popped faster, etc.

**Manager:** I am going to take the popcorn to the distribution center to get divided up to pay everyone what they deserve. You must work faster for your nation, productivity is beginning to stagnate. By the way next week some new equipment will be arriving, the Robopopper 9000 will revolutionize popcorn popping. Right now we are evaluating you're performance and some of you may be let go.

*Dialogue*

**City Worker 3:**

**City Worker 4:**

The owners continue to sleep in.

*On the other side of the veil:*

Yawning and stretching and talking about what a good night's sleep they had. They discuss the latest in plastic surgery for their dogs and a Yoga Lates Tibo class that you can pay people to do for you and watch while you sip martinis in a chocolate mud bath.

The manager comes in with a ton of popcorn for the owners who are just waking up.

They fill one bowl for the city workers and another bowl for the rural workers.

The manager pours the owners martinis.

**Owner #1:** The Robopicker and Robopopper are ready to be installed. Soon we won't need any workers at all.

**Owner #1:** Quite. Quite. Layoff one of the workers from the field and one from the factory, pronto.

The manager and server go and deliver the corn to the workers.

The manager fires a worker of color and a woman worker.

**Welfare Worker:** That's being black in the US: "last hired, first fired." At least there is still a small bit of public assistance left. Its not enough to live on but its something.

**Immigrant Worker:** I've had to work so many different jobs. Once then don't need us or find someone cheaper they throw us away. Its like we're disposable. Who do they think they are.

They start trying to divide it up for all the families and get mad when they realize how little it is. Meanwhile the workers that are left ask: What happened to all the corn? Storm off to confront manager.

**Manager:** "Remember who gave you this job in the first place. No poor person like you ever gave you a job. If you keep getting all riled up like this we're gonna move this plant and the fields someplace else."

The manager gets the workers to blame each other, i.e. rural workers think city workers are being greedy and vice versa.

The workers confront each other, and they end up realizing that neither group has more than the other and that their struggle is the same. They again storm the manager.

The owners pass notes to the press and politicians telling each of them that the real problem for the city folks is welfare and the real problem for country folks is immigrants. This time the politician and the media step in.

**Politician:** Oh, city workers, yuuuuuu, you are working so hard that you've got yourselves confused. You're barking up the wrong tree. It's the welfare queen over there who is taking from your hard earned money. See she just had another baby to get more welfare.

**Media:** Oh you country bumpkins, your plight is hard. I know. I can relate. There is a war on the middle class. But listen up, your manager is not to blame. Its those immigrants. They're taking your jobs and taking over this country. It's the reconquista all over again.

The workers storm off to confront the immigrant worker and welfare worker. The city workers first confront the welfare worker and realize she is even poorer and is struggling to survive.

**Worker:** She's not the problem and neither is her kid.

The rural workers then confront the immigrant and realize she is even poorer and is struggling to survive.

**Rural Worker #3 shouts:** Its the managers stealing it all. Its the corporations. Its the banks.

All the workers wind up together.

**City Worker #1:** We need to cooperate and buy less from corporations. Let's divide up what we have equally and we should be able to get by.

They realize that there isn't enough.

**Rural Worker #1:** Look, women don't need as much, its only fair to give them less.

**City Worker #2:** Yeah, and those people have always gotten less, they know how to get by on a smaller budget.

**Rural Worker #2:** Hold up, wait a minute, we've been through this before. We all deserve an equal share.

**City Worker #3:** We need to cooperate with what we have. Let's not play their game.

**Welfare Worker:** But no matter how we try there isn't enough to go around. There is so much wealth, you all saw how much popcorn they take away from the popcorn factory everyday.

**Immigrant worker:** She's right! I clean the house of one of the owners and I see him every day stuffing popcorn down his face and throwing it in the air, feeding it to his dogs and rolling around in it. If we are worried about not having enough popcorn maybe we should go get some popcorn from the owners.

The welfare worker and immigrant worker  
urtain.

The owners are exposed. The owners run away scared of the workers and poor folks.

We take the popcorn and redistribute it so everyone has some, pass a bowl around the class.

**Immigrant worker:** Now this popcorn popper and picker belong to all of us. And those new machines, robopicker9000 and the robopopper9000, can benefit us all.

**Welfare Worker:** But now how do we organize this to make sure the old ways of doing things don't come back?

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