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Workshop on first four chapters of *The Work Ethic in Industrial America*.

Each seminar will divide into four groups—one per chapter.

As a group, focus on your assigned chapter. Discuss the following questions and prepare a poster with chapter title and concise versions of the answers to each.

1. What does Rodgers see as the “idealized past” regarding work and the work ethic; that is, how did Americans understand the way work was done, who did it, and how?
2. What change(s) does he identify in the chapter regarding the way work was done, who did it, and how?
3. What problem(s) did the change(s) cause?
4. What were some of the solutions posed to respond to the perceived problems?
5. What are some implications of solutions proposed by the shapers of public opinion and perception/other policy makers?

Bring your poster to seminar and be prepared to share your answers to the questions.