

Extreme Employees



Some countries like France and Australia have begun to experiment with giving employees more vacation time. They understand that there must be a balance between work and personal happiness. But the worldwide trend has progressed in the opposite direction. Employees are working longer and longer hours in recent years. The result is a new type of employee, called the "extreme employee."

Researchers examined more than two million surveys of high-salaried employees in the US. They concluded that people need to work long hours if they want to climb the corporate ladder. The extreme employee is unusually dedicated to the company, though. He believes that he could--and should!--always do more. If you count the time it takes to commute to the office, then 70-hour workweeks are common. He is available to clients and office emergencies 24-7, too. He also takes far fewer vacation days than he is allotted, about ten days or less per year.

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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