

Off Shore This!

Karl Marx once remarked that “the capitalist will sell us the very rope we use to hang them with.” The current era of Globalization, may in fact be an irresistible force, as NYTimes columnist Thomas Friedman maintains in “The World is Flat.” In reality, the inevitability of Globalization is predicated on and requires the acquiescence of, middle class managers all over the country willingly providing obdurate corporations with the “rope of off-shoring” with which to exterminate American middleclass jobs.

Abnormal preoccupation and obsession with the bottom line, coupled with indifference to their employees and contempt for the community they operate in, has induced a race to the bottom for salaries and jobs that is driving what used to be a middleclass lifestyle to extinction. History will not judge well those that participated in this extermination. Make no mistake; this is genocide by other means. Furthermore, unless you own the company you work for, how can you be so sanguine regarding the security of your own position? If programming and network support can be outsourced to save money, not only has your position been reduced to one of management integration, but the need for your high priced, highly skilled abilities have been mortally compromised.

I would like to close by paraphrasing an anonymous quote attributed to the Nazi holocaust:

When they off-shored the steelworkers' jobs, I said nothing because I was not a steelworker.

When they sent auto manufacturing overseas, I said nothing because I am not an autoworker.

When they closed down all the textile mills, I said nothing because I was not a garment worker.

When they started off-shoring white-collar jobs, I said nothing because I was not affected.

Finally, when there were no middleclass jobs left for me or my children, no one said anything because there was no one left to speak up.