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Eric Chomko <echomko_at_polaris.umuc.edu> wrote:

> *Rand Simberg (simberg.interglobal@org.trash) wrote:*
> : *What leverage is needed? If the employee doesn't get paid what was*
> : *stipulated at the time of hire, the employer is in breach of the*
> : *contract, and he can quit, just as he can be fired if he doesn't do*
> : *the job. That's why it's a mutually-agreed employment contract.*
>
> *The contract is nothing but a piece of paper without a fair justice*
> *system.*
>

Fear of retaliation seems to be why so many WalMart workers don't argue when told to do "off the clock" overtime. This results in many of them being paid less than minimum wage; certainly less than the contract promised. Corporations can and do operate successfully while still treating employees as humans and the common weal as important, but it is rare in a society without something to keep greed from being excessive.

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