

More Worker Bashing in BC, with Squishy Numbers

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Below is a recent tweet from a new worker/NDP/union attack Twitter i.d. talking about how awful unionized workers are. Read it, then let's de-spin it for sanity:

Average salary in BC \$44k, average teacher salary \$70k bc.ed.gov.bc.ca/reporting #Underpaid
#Overworked #Lies #BCPoli #BCNDP #BCTF

via [Twitter / @NotBCNDP: Average salary in BC \\$44k, ...](#)

Firstly, teachers have at least a four year university degree, plus an extra year of teacher training. The average working person in BC doesn't have that much training.

Secondly, the average years of experience for teachers is over 12. That puts them at the top of the a long scale of pay increments from increased experience. This comes from a high proportion of baby boomers in the public school system.

Do you think people should be paid more if they have more training and experience?

If not, I'd love to hear why.

The agenda here is to demean skilled workers, unionized workers, public sector workers, highly educated workers and workers who make more than they would than if they weren't unionized.

The agenda here is to convince non-union workers that they should hate unionized workers and be jealous and angry with what they have. This is part of the class war we've been in for decades: turning workers against each other.

Unions provide better wages, working conditions, worker protections, benefits and pensions for people. This is a good thing. Non-union workers should be able to get paid better and have better conditions at work, especially when they're doing work that is comparable to union work.

So let's make sure we don't let worker bashing Twitter sock puppet parody i.d.'s twist statistics without context to continue eroding worker rights and opportunities. This is about making a better future for us all. This is also what the Occupy Movement is all about.

And if you know any non-unionized workers, let's help them find a union to help improve their lives!