Payday in Germany

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The man in the street finds less and less work in Germany. The caste of German politicians fails to call things by their name and to make decisions. Their tomfoolery has long since lost all connection to reality.

Instead of finally pitching its tents on Potsdamer Platz, the well-provided-for civil service itself undermines what its own government decided for the German capital. Today our country has neither a national nor an international policy, nor does it have a capital worthy of the name.

Large corporations are subsidised by the state and leave the country all the same. Banks sink citizens' billions in taxes as write-downs on gigantic property flops and shoot everyone's savings around the globe in the hot stream of speculative capital. The middle class is burning up under the crushing burden of levies extorted from it by the state. The country's bureaucracy strangles the little man as well as the active entrepreneur. The country is suffocating; change is needed. Payday is coming.

Wage costs in December 1996, Germany

Net pay (what you have in hand)	Tax class I + IV	Tax class III	Tax class V
2 100 DM: gross	3 360	2 660	4 770
+ 20 % employer's social security share	672	532	954
+ 15 % share for holidays + sickness	504	391	715
= what you cost your company (DM)	4 536	3 591	6 439
2 200 DM: gross	3 570	2 800	5 140
+ 20 % employer's social security share	714	560	1 028
+ 15 % share for holidays + sickness	535	420	771
= what you cost your company (DM)	4 819	4 050	6 939
2 300 DM: gross	3 790	3 000	5 460
+ 20 % employer's social security share	758	600	1 092

+ 15 % share for holidays + sickness	568	450	819
= what you cost your company (DM)	5 116	4 050	7 371
2 400 DM: gross	4 000	3 140	5 790
+ 20 % employer's social security share	800	628	1 158
+ 15 % share for holidays + sickness	600	471	868
= what you cost your company (DM)	5 400	4 239	7 816

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