

Prison Repairs (light bulb changing)

An enlightening analysis of current fixtures in light humor by Don Meinshausen

In prison inmates do all the manual labor, conforming to the outside culture in that most of them are also called Manual and also as listed in the prison manual. After all they are used to prison in that they come from countries that are police states and where most jobs are low paying with no possibility of escape from their roles. So the US government in its immigration policy gives them a place that reminds them of home including a fence that keeps them out of America. Inmates carry a lot of weight here because they carried a lot of weight smuggling to get here and therefore entitled to weighty sentences. Somehow these illegal immigrants get this idea that America is a non-racist land with plenty of freedom. This prison education system with its work regime helps them to understand what America has become and therefore helps to reduce illegal immigration.

Our corrections officers (COs) operate as foreman here because of their former military experience as non commissioned officers (NCOs) which has taught them the valuable skill of avoiding real work. The prison teaches electrical skills since there is much criminal activity in the Electoral College depending on current events

How many COs does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: COs don't change light bulbs, that's why they have inmates.

There are also counselors here in order to educate inmates about how some counselors on the outside can give a lot of misleading advice. Here they show by example. Some of them are well meaning and really try to help but in order to produce an equality of results the bureaucracy does all it can to maintain a verifiable albeit low standard so as not to give false hopes and to help inmates understand the real value of government help.

How many counselors does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: All they have funding for is to help the light bulb adjust to its current state of darkness.

Case Workers help inmates deal with the legal system and problems of impending release depending on the latest court decisions and bureaucratic procedure.

How many case workers does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: It's all up to the courts

Licutenants investigate inmates who break the rules and in general are in charge of investigations, maintaining order and respect for the rules.

How many lieutenants does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: There is now an investigation of how the light bulb became malfunctioning in the first place and as to why it refuses to work. If it doesn't work and not broken, it soon will be. There is no screwing around with light bulbs here...

Cafeterias are part of the punishment routine just as they are in high school to stop students from considering teaching as a career. Hospital food is prepared to discourage lying around and feeling sorry for yourself as well as hypochondriacs and shorten hospital stays. Airline food is so prepared to deter hijacking and unnecessary travel. The corrections officers here actually like the food since it reminds them of their time in the military. Perhaps this is the reason they were discharged from the military.

How many food service managers does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Light bulbs and menus are changed with more frequency since people are eating light nowadays. It is said that the old light bulbs are crushed and added to the salads to add crunchiness.

Once a week prisoners are allowed to buy a few personal items and snacks at the commissary. You have Wal-Mart and we have Walledinmart. Here we are instructed in how the old Soviet system operated. We make our choice of items to buy from a limited menu of less than a hundred items. Then we submit our choices to the commissary CO who checks to see if this is our day to buy. Then we wait outside in the cold until we are called sometimes waiting in line. Then commissary COs, who seem to have been trained by old commissars, check our IDs again and availability of items and then finally total our purchases and give them which we then bag ourselves. Service with a snarl.

How many commissary CO's does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: First; of all if you have read the commissary list you'll see that light bulbs are not available from commissary. Second; even if they had them, they do not change them once they are purchased. Third; even then they are probably out of stock. But they may be available from an inmate on the black market who will screw it for you

The unit manager's role is supposedly to supervise. Like most supervisors his real role is a mystery.

How many unit managers does it take to change light bulb?

Answer: Perhaps it might be best not to change the light bulb so the darkness will aid the mystery.

The American public school system prepares you life, especially in prison – long periods of boredom interrupted by short periods of terror followed by periods of detention. The aims of the prison education system are the same as public school system –instilling obedience and a conformity to the American Way. Education, that is real education, is an escape from this system

and therefore like all escape plans must be discouraged. The American education system does have its accomplishments however: this country has only 5% of the world's population and 25% of the world's prison population. I'll give the educational system here this much credit in that they allow the inmates to do the real work of teaching while the staff does the administrative work. This follows the practice of most other work done here. The main focus of the educational system here is the inmates' attainment of a high school equivalency diploma or the GED. There is a financial incentive for the system, not to the inmates, whether students or tutors, to pass the GED exam.

How many members of the education staff does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: We do not have to deal with that question since it is not on the GED exam.

Since global warming is such a hot issue on the outside one might wonder about the use of energy saving use of fluorescent light bulbs to cut down on warming trends.

How many staff does it take to install the new energy efficient light bulbs?

Answer: Everyone knows that there is no warmth in the prison system so that the installation of such bulbs is not necessary. Besides by the time they are installed it will be time to turn out the lights.

Similar to the education system and increasingly to our world outside our community has its prison within a prison known as the Special Housing Unit or the SHU where some CO's work. Here they deal with misbehaving or mentally ill inmates. If they don't fit in or have fits they wear them out with even more boredom.

How many SHU CO's does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: It's like the old saying; if they have SHU fits then make them wear it out

Some of the inmates get so crazy here that some CO's are put on suicide watch. That is the inmates are watched, not the CO's, while they are in the SHU.

How many suicide watch CO's does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Two. One twists the light bulb into the ceiling fixture and the other to sell tickets to the light show. Actually I'm kidding here, prisoners, like light bulbs are worth more in a box available for future work rather than planted in the ground.

We have chaplains here. Even they complain of the bureaucracy even though they have light duty. I am sure that when most of them go to their reward they will get time off for good behavior.

How many prison chaplains does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Answer: Unlike in the outside chaplains are not allowed to screw light bulbs. The theological explanation goes like this: hell is like prison where there are no light bulbs while you have to fill out endless forms in the darkness to receive any illumination on your situation. While in heaven all you have to do is say "Let there be light" and you get light duty.

The prison system here does have medical facilities which are barely adequate and require endless paperwork and time which they see us as having in abundance. I had to wait 6 months for an operation. It prepares us for the arrival of socialized medicine with its bureaucracy and incompetence to show us that our pain never ends with them. They do include sometimes the care that your personal doctor shows including nutritional and exercise counseling.

How many medical staff does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: They prescribe a light diet and reaching and twisting motions for the arms and hands. So fill out these forms, take 2 aspirin and see them in the morning when you should be finished filling out the forms.

Sometimes inmates arrive in the prison with a long history of drug use. The drug use may have been varied, extreme and just plain weird. But enough about me. You want to know about how drug counselors function in a prison setting.

How many members of the drug counseling staff does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer; When they take them off the ceiling the light bulb is already twisted after being turned on so much. After being burnt out it may also be quite dim. If you were to shake them you could probably hear a rattle inside. In order for a bulb to be illuminated it might be easy use a switch since the prison has the power since it is plugged in. What happens usually though is that they are turned around (and around) until they are changed and see the light. In most prisons they see bulbs which are thrown away after being used. Considering how many black people and psychedelic drug users there are here why doesn't the prison use black lights?

Whenever there is a charge made against an inmate or a general review of the inmate's progress there is a TEAM meeting called. This can be composed of any composition of the previously named positions. The disciplines given could be put in solitary (the box), shipped to a new prison, or loss of privileges (there are no rights here just privileges). This method is supposedly to avoid the prejudice of any staff member from directly pursuing unfair treatment. A collectively unfair approach is more defensible. On the outside this could be called piling on.

How many TEAM members does it take to screw in a light bulb?

Answer: First there is an inquiry as to why the bulb refuses to work. Then it is placed in a box or shipped out or otherwise trashed. Then when a new bulb comes in they decide who among themselves gets to screw it and what box to put it in.

In many prisons inmates are placed in boring, make work jobs to keep them out of trouble and to give them work experience. Perhaps it is to prepare them for government work and union rules. Since we wear uniforms, results are uniform and consistent with the quality of them.

How many inmates does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: How many inmates are available?

Death row inmates are never going to go out unless in a box. However some of them have been released due to DNA (Do Not Adjust) evidence.

How many death row inmates does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: Just have the inmate sit in a chair and hold the light bulb and watch the room light up. Then put him in a box when he goes out.

The warden is the watchdog over the prison. The prison is his own personal bone. He seize all and gnaws all. He runs the show and that is all you need to know...

How many wardens does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: That information is on a need to know basis

Bureau of Prison staff is rumored to be a bunch of gnomes who project the budget, the number of inanimates, budget and facilities and staff available to run the theme park known as Bush Family Gardens where there is free room and board, medical care, security, entertainment and education all on carefully tended grounds by inmates.

How many Bureau of Prison staff members does it take to change a light bulb?

Answer: They'll tell you as soon as they get the budget numbers for next year from the government and it's approved by Congress and signed by the president.

Presiding over the government, the BOP, the Iraq war, the drug war and other and other foul ups is George Bush who as governor of Texas has presided over more executions than any other recent governor.

How does George W. Bush change a light bulb?

Answer: No need to change policy. Just apply a surge and give the contract to Halliburton and put a Cheney link fence around it. It may last forever or go out in 2008.

Some say that I am a riot. Most say that I am disturbed. Since riots and disturbances are hazardous to prisons, I may be SHU'd away.