

Odd Jobs: The World Of Deviant Work

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Introducing 'Deviant' Social Work: Contextualising the Limits of Radical Social Work whilst Understanding (Fragmented) Resistance within the Social Work Labour Process

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Abstract

This paper draws upon case study research to explore deviant social work. This is defined as small-scale acts of resistance, subterfuge, deception or even sabotage that are typically hidden yet scattered throughout parts of the social work labour process. Taking a wide variety of forms that can include recalcitrant attitudes as well as practices, deviant social work can be seen as being distinct from radical social work, most notably due to its implicit, pragmatic, non-idealistic and individual dispositions and strategies that are not rooted within epistemological, professional or other institutionally defined parameters. In contrast, *positive* deviant social work seeks as its maxim *application* and *tangible support* to vulnerable people above theoretical critique, rhetoric or perpetual reflexivity. Just as significant, because of its covert and disparate expressions, deviant social work also largely evades managerial or policy-led forms of location, surveillance and control. It is concluded that only engagement with an eclectic mix of critical theories is likely to help us locate and understand the many forms of resistance that inevitably emerge within an unpredictable, demanding,

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part-time; hidden or manifest. . Although in the Western world in recent times, the supremacy of meat in . They change from suits and/or work clothes to biker leather costumes. .. a job or joining a municipal Civic Club would be quite problematic.Describe the functionalist view of deviance in society and compare .. His parents were appalled and he received odd stares from his coworkers. A mechanic once refused to work on it, stating that it was a dead person machine. . London, England, holds the dubious honour of being the most surveilled city in the world.Scholars discuss their early adventures in the world of work and what they learned from them.

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