

## Handout #3a: From The Folks Who Brought You The Weekend

Evaluate each law/practice, first individually under the opinion column and then in small groups (4-5) under the consensus column. A class discussion could follow, with each group reporting their evaluations.

Using the number 1 – 4 evaluate the contribution each makes to a socially just Canada.

- Not important
- Important
- Very important
- Essential

Opinion / Consensus

- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 1. Minimum wage laws
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 2. Old age pension
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 3. Paid vacation
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 4. Protective equipment supplied by management
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 5. Overtime pay
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 6. The right to vote
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 7. Employment insurance
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 8. Child labour laws
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 9. Free libraries
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 10. Equal pay / opportunity for women
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 11. Worker compensation
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 12. Laws that protect Canadian from racial and sexual discrimination
- \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 13. Free public education

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 14. Free school lunch programs

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 15. Universal health care

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 16. Affordable child care

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 17. Progressive tax system

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 18 Social assistance

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 19. Right to strike

\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ 20. Pay equity

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

1. Which were the most important protections in your opinion, and why?
2. Did it surprise you that the labour movement might be advocating for any of the policies? Why do you think they fight for some of these protections?
3. Which were the toughest to reach consensus over? Why do you think that might be?
4. Which of the protections relate the most to a socially just world?
5. After reading these facts, what do you know about relationship between the labour movement and social justice?
6. Reflection: at this point, to what extent is Canada a 'just society'?