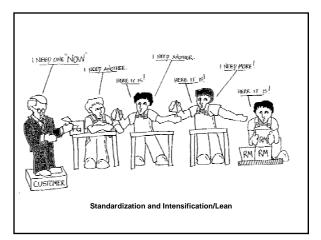
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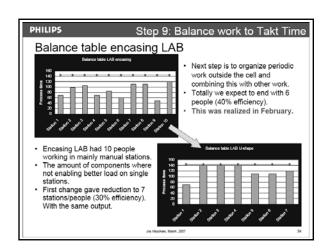
And it is Hurting Our Members and Undermining Union Strength



Key Changes in the Work Process

- Standardization/De-Skilling
- Intensification/Lean/Speed-up
- Multi-Skilling/Job Combination/Flexibility
- Automation/New Technologies
- Monitoring
- Outsourcing/Moving Work





Multi-skilling

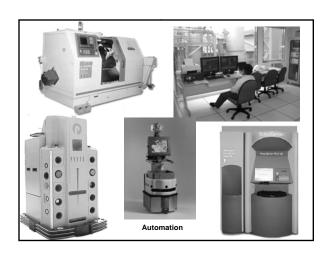
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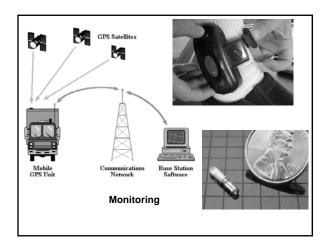
Flexibility

Job Combination

Operator Maintenance

"And other duties as assigned"





Work that has been

- > Standardized
- > Analyzed
- > Automated
- > Simplified

Is work that is easier to Contract Out and Outsource

What kind of job is safe from outsourcing?

The 87,000 square-foot structure's facade was assembled entirely from concrete panels cast in Mexico....
Mr. Fastags firm cast more than 2,000 individual panels at its plant he Mexico City suburb of Alizapan de Zaragoza, then shipped them 2,350 miles north. Carried on mammoth flatbed trucks – a total of 140 truckloads for the Salt Lake City library – each panel was delivered in the order of its assembly. — Wall Street Journal



All of these trends have negative impacts on union members

Speed-up
Stress
Job Loss/Insecurity
Repetitive Strain Injuries
Loss of Skill
Low Morale

All of these trends also have negative impacts on union strength

Elimination of Skilled Work
Loss of Security/Bargaining Leverage
Isolation of Members/Loss of Solidarity
Division/Loss of solidarity
Loss of Jobs, Members and Dues
Drain on Union Resources
Loss of Faith in the Union

Fear, along with Six Sigma, Continuous Improvement, Kaizen, Problem Solving Teams, Blue Line, 5S, Self-Directed Work Groups, and other restructuring programs, are used to get the workforce to:

- Accept the Idea of Change, and
- Contribute their Ideas and Knowledge to Management's Plans for Change

They use techniques we call the Tricks and Traps to get us to go along

- Brainstorming
- Language
 - \blacksquare Improvement
 - Empowerment
- The Myth of Common Goals

If we challenge management's plan, they say: Management Rights



"If you are not at the table, you will be on the menu."

