

Flipping the Script on an Organizing Conversation

Scene 1

Background:

You are doing door-to-door outreach to the people in your neighborhood to invite them to an organizing meeting. You are speaking with someone, but they are not sure if they have time to join the meeting.

YOU: Hi, I'm _____, I live here in the neighborhood. My rent just went up and I can no longer afford it. We have to do something about these greedy landlords, don't you think?

THEM: Well, that sounds like a real problem for you.

YOU: Exactly! That's what I think too. These capitalist pigs want to turn the entire city into luxury apartments and Starbucks shops.

THEM: Yeah, it's terrible.

YOU: Exactly! That is what this campaign is about. We need to build a worldwide movement to overturn this capitalist system. Do you want to come to our meeting?

THEM: Um....I'd like to help out, but I am just so busy. I work a lot, and I also have to help my mother, who lives around the corner.

YOU: I understand. Under capitalism it is always like that. The subaltern classes are forced to carry more and more on their shoulders. I understand and I will leave you alone. I just ask that you read this brochure.

THEM: Okay. Sure. Well, by then.

YOU: Bye!