

Ninety Paradoxes of Philosophy and Psychology  
With Solutions

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## The Loser Paradox

People who are the bottom of a hierarchy are far less likely to spurn that hierarchy than they are to use it against people who are trying to climb the ranks of that hierarchy. The person who never graduates from college may in some contexts claim that a college degree is worthless, but he is unlikely to act accordingly. When he comes across someone without a college degree who is trying to make

something of himself, he is likely to pounce on that person, claiming he is an uncredentialed fraud.

Explanation: Losers want others to share their coffin, and if that involves hyper-valuing the very people or institutions that put them in that coffin, then so be it.