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Ask the really meaningful question: Why are non-public sector workers paid so little that, by comparison, moderately compensated public sector workers appear to be **overpaid or "over-benefitted" or both?**

It's a way to pit the dwindling middle class against itself. In a way it's saying,"Hey, these underpaid public sec bums are making more than you are, and they have more generous benefits at lowere cost to them." Unspoken truth: The way to fix it is to bring them down to your income/benefit levels. Income among the old-fashioned middle class has fallen or stayed steady for the past ten years, benefits have worsened, and pensions are a memory for many.

Also, the aim is to make public sector work less attractive to undermine government operations. Given the recent troubles, will the pub sec be able to staff its operations, even at the far lower level of operations being budgeted for in many states.