

WHAT YOUR ZOOM BACKGROUND SAYS ABOUT YOU



Bookshelf sales soar as citizens look to get instant personalities on zoom

Bosses increasingly unimpressed by blank walls behind employees during Zoom meetings

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"My boss gave me a disapproving glare during a Zoom meeting. Turns out he was unimpressed by my background which was a newly-finished wall in eggshell white granite tiles from Italy. My friends thought it was super cool as a neutral, earthy, calming background for online video meetings. Boss felt I was being paid too much," Shame-Im-Hasan, 40+/-, woefully said his work woes.

"So I changed it to a wall that had damp and mold on it for the poverty look.

Boss was still upset until I changed my background by installing the latest fad: a bookshelf. Everybody now listened to what I had to say. I was suddenly important," he recalled.

The Zoom background has become a growing issue during the pandemic where everyone has to attend online meetings with nothing but their expressions and bland personalities on display. The blank walls behind them put the participants in stark contrast.

"I feel like I have to perform and be more expressive. That's too much pressure," says Krysten Stewart, actress from the hit movie about sentient blood-thirsty sparkly glitter. Shame-Im, meanwhile, has now been promoted because he appears so well read. "I had to buy books but it is a small price to pay. Well, it was actually a big price to pay. Damn bookshelf needed 307 books to fill."

Bookshelf sales have gone up by 47 percent in the capital city of Dhaka. Mohila

Kabir, CEO of EasyPeasy, pivoted her business from growing peas easily using cheap labour to making and delivering bookshelves all across Bangladesh.

She said, "In 2019, it was important to dress properly and have the right whiff of Eau Sauvage by Christian Dior. 2020 is all about the right video call backgrounds and none of that fake digital mess. Do it right with our bookshelves."

One Satireday staffer was fired for putting up a background of Putin riding a bear. His

firing saved the publication many monies but now we also need an editor because he was the editor.

Some enterprising digital geniuses have come up with an alternative.

Lolita Karim, singer/songwriter/ restaurateur/obituary designer, has said she printed out a bookshelf and pasted it on the wall behind her, making her look impressively intellectual. Now men are even more afraid to talk to her. All this for only taka 600.

Bougie high school student "destroys" socialism

Accuses starving populace of asking for 'handouts'

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Tajuddin Akhmed, a student of Popomir Government High School, recently put socialism on blast on his Facebook live, where people talk about things they don't really understand.

At some point in Akhmed's life, the self-proclaimed Marxist-feminist, grew disillusioned and took a turn for the better, according to him.

"WORK HADER," screamed Tajuddin to all his 69 viewers. "Look what happened to Che towards the end. The revolution never stops; it just transforms, transcends," he said.

"If you all worked harder, then maybe you wouldn't be complaining all the time!!"

Tajuddin Akhmed, a student of Popomir Government High School, is the "owner and photographer at Raja's photography" and "Brand Manager at Self".

His tirade came after he came across one too many anti-capitalist posts shared by his friends and followers. With a two-adjective political ideology, there was no way he would miss the chance to act the fool.

"You all keep trying to knock capitalism, but all you want are handouts!" said Tajuddin, before continuing, "You've never done a day's worth of hard work in your life and yet you sit there and complain! If you don't like your

jobs or what you're getting paid, just go work somewhere else. It's a free country!"

He then took a pause to ask his maid for some tea and berated her for not wearing a mask.

"Everyone hates Joshim Bashon so much. They want him to give away all the trillions of dollars he made with this HARD WORK. Why? What's the point? He is the ultimate example of why capitalism is the best system, in which ones who work the hardest always prevail!" he screamed.

"I came across a sponsored post on Facebook telling me about unlocking my true potential. The twenty seconds of that video truly opened my eyes. The only path to success is to be a visionary, and before you say anything, no you don't have to be an ophthalmologist to be visionary, I was confused too. It means to put in the 200% hard work and passion."

The viewer responses had started coming in at this point, and the one that Akhmed chose to address first asked him about his loathing for socialism.

"Bro, you don't understand. You all keep saying socialism is so good, but look what it ACTUALLY does. Look at what that guy Marx and Adolf did to Germany. They built a wall to keep capitalism out. Can you believe it? Thankfully it was torn down eventually and capitalism reigned supreme, as it always will."

"Look at me. I'm not privileged. My dad works a regular 9 to 5 job as a doctor. I go to a regular English-medium school, but even I know I can be a billionaire if I work hard enough. I don't need handouts," he said.

"There are so many opportunities now. One can also choose to travel to get perspective. Go backpacking across Pari. It's Pari, you know, you don't pronounce the S. Or work for YouBer for a month."

When one viewer finally pointed out a lot of the misinformation in Akhmed's statements, they were promptly blocked.

"No fake news here bro. I'm full legit. I'm not the media, socialists or Bernie Panders that I am going to lie to any of you."

Since the live stream, Akhmed has added yet another position to his profile, 'Podcaster at MyLife Podcast'.

Things I wish the sand excavator would come for instead of my Internet

my tummy and its **Flops**

all the **Crimson Cops**

and my fanciful **stress**

the **pain in my neck, my back, my mind**

the **billionaire kind**

but not the **economy**

our collective **insanity**

open **manholes** of this city

and **actual SAND**, I guess

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