



An older woman brings to light why we are to blame for many of the problems we have as a society.



**Years and Years- This is your fault**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IX0kwVLPmD4>

**Possible vocabulary to pre-teach:**

to blame someone    it's your fault    an awful lot (of things)    to be/feel helpless  
 a bargain    automated checkouts    to put up with something    to be/get sacked / let go

**TEACHING SUGGESTION**



Set up the activity / activities in any way you feel which would suit your and your students' needs and interests. The following is one idea that you could pursue if it appeals to you. (NOTE: Be careful of what vocabulary to pre-teach if you ask students to make predictions.)



Ask the question before viewing the next section

Play the first four seconds and elicit from the class what they think the woman means when she says everything is your fault.

0:00– 0:04    *Students speculate*

Play again from the beginning until 1:06. Discuss briefly what she is blaming everyone for. And then ask the students to talk in pairs about what is wrong with buying a T-shirt for one pound (quid) or one euro or one dollar.

0:00 – 1:06    *Students discuss in pairs and share ideas with class*

Now the students listen for her reason and to tell you after this next section.

1:07 – 1:28    ***By encouraging a system that gives us great bargains, many people get exploited.***

What are two benefits consumers get from sacking the people working in the supermarket?

1:28 – 2:36    ***1- cheaper prices***  
***2- don't have to interact with those women*** (maybe some people feel uncomfortable with others seeing what they are buying or because we know the workers are getting paid less than us)

**POSSIBLE DISCUSSION THEMES:**



- Do you agree with the woman's views?
- What can be done to make the world a better place? (things that a 'normal' person can do)
- People as a group (and through that, individually) are easily manipulated. How have our feelings and opinions been shaped by politicians and business marketing?
- Do you think people will become less selfish and more socially minded in the future?



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