

Worker Cooperative Advantages  
SOCIAL ARGUMENTS

Tim Huet compiled this list as a basis for discussion/debate; it should be understood that he does not personally endorse the alleged advantages listed below.

1. **Spread wealth, create stronger consumer base:** but, perhaps, worker-owners less consumerist; fuller employment
2. **Doesn't tend to lead to monopoly, preserves perfect markets**
3. **More earth-friendly:** because less expansionist, and no absentee owner dumping, less given to conspiracy
4. **Develops democratic skills for larger community, polity**
5. **Disputes are dealt w/ more openly, satisfactorily in cooperatives**
6. **Less given to conspiracy**
7. **As community microcosm, cooperative's decisions better reflect the community's values**
8. **Better opportunities for continuing individual growth**
9. **Coops invest more in the education of their workers**
10. **Coops have a value base more consistent with our political system's avowed/averred values**
11. **Less alienation, tension due to lack of class conflict**
12. **Happier workers (family members, etc.)**
13. **Locally-rooted businesses promoting community stability**
14. **Provides better model than capitalist business for handling technology-driven labor reduction**