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#### Abstract

The present research has explored the 'subjection of individuals' in Arthur Miller's *Death of a Salesman* and David Mamet's *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Both plays substantiate the fact that the capitalist society is promoting materialism and commercialism by victimizing the lower class people like Willy Loman and Sheeley Levene. Though they have tried their best to achieve their goal, they always come to failure. Capitalism has ideologized the mind of the salesman by implanting the slogan of myth of success in the business world. The labors and struggles that they did in the past become meaningless in the eyes of the company. Howard fires Willy Loman from the company by ignoring all his reasonable and considerable contributions to the company. Likewise, as Levene's business falls behind, he is deprived of getting 'A grade' leads from the company. Neither have they got freedom nor success during their lives. Thus, the trade- union ISA interpellates the individuals to act in their volition.

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