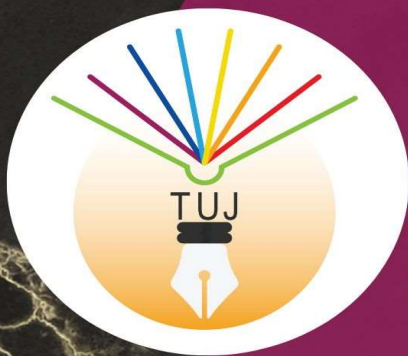


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**there must have been a leak, wait, it's not even that, there are just too many
people out there.¹**

Terry Trowbridge

Consolidate your power.

Let your lunch meeting

upload a picture of their plates to Instagram.

Beside the menu, sits a report. Cover page only.

Hashtag.

Working hard or hardly working.

Try to make some of the lunches

be Happy Meals or Whoppers.

Don't mistakenly escalate the anomie with caviar.

Let the hard-to-house see you are working on housing.

Let the workers see you eat the same lunch

they do when they are driving to another worksite.

Have fun.

Think of it as a school trip.

Sit in a firetruck. Wear a team jacket.

We share these pictures

because we all would, too.

Say, funding is necessary and important,

but also, we find time to enjoy the moment.

Even the most compelling case

can be an opportunity for lightheartedness.

¹ The title is a line from the poem "The Last Romantic" by John Ashberry.

Show confidence. Inspire optimism.

People from other cultures will share
the items that they think you will like.

Hold their pens gracefully
as you sign agreements.

Traditional symbols of hospitality:
pineapples, dancing, music, seating arrangements.

Remember they are interpreting you.

Do not be inscrutable. Offer people opportunities
to make comparisons, the take measure of your interests,
and they will offer opportunities to you.

You can do this.

It is so easy.

There is no way
you could mess this up.

After all, this isn't some shithole.