

Dear Rachel,

I am an analyst working in a small state government office. We are all doing the work of three people. Consequently, when I ask for help from my supervisor or coworkers they don't pay attention to me at all—they are multitasking on their computer, or finishing up their work while I talk to them. I've also noticed I've picked up this annoying habit. Is it me? What do I need to do to get their attention?

Signed,

Down and out and unheard

Dear Rachel,

I suffer from information overload. We have so much data that I can't process it all. We are also running out of room for it all.

From,

A Data Hoarder

Dear Rachel,

My boss doesn't share information with me. For example, he'll go to meetings and not let me know what happened in the meeting. He won't let me know what is going on with my particular tax program as well. Last year, a head supervisor left and he never told me who was going to do his job. What am I to do? This is especially hard because I don't feel like I can do my job well if I don't have the right information. I almost think he's doing it on purpose, to make himself feel important.

From, mushroom in the dark

Dear Rachel,

I do a lot of work for my boss, and he replaces my name on the work with his. He gives me no credit for the work at all and I'm really pissed.

From,

Gets no respect

Dear Rachel.

My boss is driving me crazy. Everything is an emergency and a priority. He also waits until the last minute to do things. I'm not like that at all—I prioritize my work so I get things done on time. I also don't wait until the last minute to do anything. What do I do?!

**From,
Mr. Planner**

Dear Rachel,

I'm a 35 year old "Generation X" state economist who is surrounded by baby boomers. I'm concerned I'm never going to be promoted! What do I do? Should I look for another job?

From the Breakfast Club

Dear Rachel,

I am a supervisor, born in the Baby Boom and I don't know how to manage my Generation X employees! They're arrogant, want everything given to them on a silver platter, are a bunch of slackers and don't take work seriously!

From Bob Dylan's greatest fan

PS, I'm sort of disgusted that he sold out to the Apple Ipod commercial. Is there anything I can do about that?

Dear Rachel,

I'm an economist who got promoted to Supervisor. I'm having a hard time letting my employees do some of the technical work. What do I do?

From, Ms. Micromanager