



INDEPENDENT
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Insecure Work

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Text of submission	<p>I have completed 4 years of university study and have been on temporary contracts for 5 years now. These contracts have varied from 6 months to 1 year. This year I have had to take a job outside of my area of expertise.</p> <p>Currently I am pregnant and will only receive about 3 weeks of parental leave as this falls within my current contract. If I had a permanent job within my area of study I would receive 14 weeks of parental leave, plus the government paid parental leave which would allow me to stay home with my child for nearly a year. I will probably have to return to work within 6 months as I am not receiving as much parental leave. This is despite the fact that I have worked full-time for 5 years.</p> <p>People on temporary contacts are significantly disadvantaged in the workplace compared to their permanent counter-parts but for me it is simply the uncertainty that I can't stand.</p>				

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