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An study written in the first person on a new subject: the parents of class defectors.

Since arriving in Paris, Adrien Naselli, son to a bus driver father and a secretary mother, has been keeping a list of people like him: "class defectors" who attract the media attention. For the purposes this survey, he has gone to meet their parents. He finds laborers, farmers, nurses' aides, and low-level white collar employees with journalist, writer, magistrate, and academic children. They all earn minimum wage or not much more and left school before the age of eighteen. Most of them have never been on an airplane. In the fairy tale of meritocracy, they reveal a side of French society hidden in the wings.

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