The Introduction

Atrocity Solution

[Star Spangled Banner] Oh, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous figh t, O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming? And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air, Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there. [The Matrix] [Morpheus]... It is all around us. Even now, in this very room. You can see it when you look out your window or when you turn o n your television. You can feel it when you go to work... when you go to church... when you pay your taxes. It is the world that has been pulled over your eyes to blind yo u from the truth. [Neo] What truth? [Morpheus] That you are a slave, Neo. Like everyone else you we re born into bondage. Born into a prison that you cannot taste or see or touch. A pri son for your mind. [Twelve Monkeys] [Jeffrey Goines] You're here because of the system. There's the television. It's all right there - all right there. Look, listen, kneel, pr ay. Commercials! We're not productive anymore. We don't make things anymore. It' s all automated. What are we *for* then? We're consumers, Jim. Yeah. Okay, okay. Buy a lot of stuff, you're a good citizen. But if you don't buy a lot of stuff, If you don't, what are you then, I ask you? What? Mentally *ill *. Fact, Jim, fact -If you don't buy things - toilet paper, new cars, computerized yo-yos, Electrically-operated sexual devices, stereo systems with brainimplanted headphones, Screwdrivers with miniature built-in radar devices, voiceactivated computers... [Con Air] [Garland Greene] What if I told you insane was working fifty ho urs a week

In some office for fifty years at the end of which they tell yo

u to piss off; Ending up in some retirement village hoping to die before suffe ring the indignity Of trying to make it to the toilet on time? Wouldn't you consid er that to be insane?