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Nowadays we are constantly asked to believe that market forces make the world go round.

It is made out that money is the main reason people go to work and that all other motives are secondary.

Yet a moment's thought should tell us that if this were true we would all be in trouble.

Many of the people upon whom we all depend to take care of the sick, the disabled or the elderly are very poorly paid. Some carers are paid so little they actually qualify for income support. Most are women.

Their chief reason for going to work each day is not money – even though this is important to them – but simple humanity.

Now, all kinds of public services, including sheltered homes for the elderly, are gradually being privatised.

We are told that privatisation will somehow improve the standard of work provided by carers as well as other public servants who perform the many tasks



that we think of as essential in a civilised society.

But privatisation usually means that public servants get paid less or work longer hours. So that a percentage of the money (your money) meant for public services can go to shareholders and fat cats who see profitability as the only measure of success.

It is, of course, politicians who have made this happen.

Perhaps it's time they were reminded that there are other forces quite as powerful as the market.

And that one of them is the ballot box.

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- 1p **41** Wat is volgens deze advertentie van de vakbond UNISON de belangrijkste motivatie van veel mensen om in de zorg te werken?
Citeer als antwoord een zinsgedeelte van maximaal twee woorden.
- 2p **42** Geef voor elk van de onderstaande uitspraken aan of deze volgens de tekst wel of niet in overeenstemming is met de opvattingen van UNISON.
- 1 De voordelen van privatisering wegen zwaarder dan de nadelen.
 - 2 Door privatisering van publieke diensten komt publiek geld bij de verkeerde personen terecht.
 - 3 Ouderen worden onvoldoende geïnformeerd over de privatisering van de thuiszorg.
 - 4 Vrouwelijke werknemers bij publieke diensten verdienen minder dan hun mannelijke collega's.
- Noteer het nummer van elke uitspraak, gevolgd door "wel" of "niet".