



SOCIOPOLY

The live board game



About the game

- In this game everybody can try how they can make ends meet, only with family support, maternity benefit, and casual work.
- People are divided into four groups. During the game each group is playing the role of a family.
- Each family gets its low starting income as an addition to their
 5,000 HUF amount saved from the previous month. The families' task is very easy try to finance the standard living conditions from the low incomes, during problematic times.





The characters

- Mayor: one of the most impressive characters, corrupt, trying to increase his own income in any possible ways.
- Postwoman: seems to be an independent person, but loyal to the corrupt mayor and his values.
- Usurer: a person who makes business of the disadvantaged people's poverty
- Insurance agent: we don't know much about his personality, he is neutral
- Shopkeeper: a friend of the usurer and the mayor, he doesn't care about the poor ones. His values mostly depend on the source of his income.
- Teacher: at the beginning she seems to be an honest person, but by the end she also becomes a corrupt one.
- Doctor: a fair character. He only does his job.
- Policeman: he is full of prejudice against the poor, disadvantaged people
- Poor, young gypsy man: disadvantaged, uneducated and well-intentioned, at the end he commits suicide
- Narrator: he is not a real participant of the story, but sometimes makes important additional comments on the situation taking place.

THE TEAMS



The blue team



The red team



The yellow team



The green team









The results of the game

- The winner was the yellow team.
- The red team reached the second place.
- The blue team finished on the third place.
- Last, but not least, the green team lost the game.

 Even the yellow team was in debt at the end of the month, nobody could make the ends meet.

The meaning behind the game

- This game is based on real life situations.
- It was made by a researcher group, that is looking for the reasons of poverty.
- In Hungary about 4 million people live in poverty.
 (Just an additional fact is that the population of the country is about 9.5 million.)
- By this game they are trying to prevent poverty and also to find a possible solution for it.

During the game

- On the game board there are 31 fields, each of them marks a day of a given month.
- Each field has a special sign that shows us dates, events, certain expenses.
- Poor families are forced to choose the usurer loans sometimes, someone gets public work on harsh conditions, others are forced to steal while the advantaged enjoy their lives.

Thanks for your attention.

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