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recent survey revealed.

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Americans are increasingly relying on self-employment: Workers are seven times more likely to be self-employed than they were in 2000, according to Gallup. As many as 28% of U.S. workers do some work for themselves, with 14% using it as their primary source of income.

But being your own boss isn't all freedom and sweatpants. Freelance workers and small business owners are frequently stuck working for a less-than-ideal clientele. In

a recent survey, accounting software company FreshBooks asked 400 small business

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Women are seemingly taking the brunt of this mistreatment. They're 50% more likely to experience "mean behavior" from bad clients, and twice as likely to say their worst client was "skeptical of their abilities" from the beginning. Women were also 30% more likely to still be stuck working for their worst client.

A bad client isn't always easy to shake. About a third of respondents said they were able to end the relationship by firing their client, but another third of respondents said they're still working for them. Yikes.

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