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When we are at a young age, it is easy to figure out what one wants to do with his life. As we grow older, we will have different perspective towards life and may change our earlier choices. In the aspect of liberal arts, it seems to be a problem for most of people. People pursue career in liberal arts are normally asked about these kind of questions such as: what is your plan with career in the future, and most of them will be an art teacher or a professor who teaches art, or they barely know what they are going to do. People always ask so many questions no matter what your career is or what you interested in.

From the reading with my personal point of view, other people imagine the Liberal Arts Degree as useless. Most people who works for art creation or have a art job, they are always not well-paying, and hence these art people have a huge percentage unemployment. However, the evidence indicates an increase in employment rate and actually a sharp increase in the work of liberal arts graduates, and their salary consequently increasing as they gain experience, which is really good for those who like art. After an analysis of employment, it is misunderstanding of the liberal art in public. While most people believe that graduates with Liberal Arts Degree will end with miserable lives, Pew Research Centre believes the opposite way. For instance, they give statistics data showing that if people have no degree of college or university, no matter what job they get, their unemployment rate is higher. Consequently, both of them believe that money and a huge salary is not the only truth of success in life, but there are other aspect such as job security and working environment.

In addition, most people think that liberal art career is meaningless. However, the liberal art demonstrates the opposite way to these people. When we talk about professional and greatest art masters, we always think of Aristotle and Plato. These two best philosophies are the symbol and representative of art world.

Another problem they mention is that the use of “arts” in the liberal arts. People believe that the art is only drawing and design, which is nothing serious. However, there is a very fantastic reason that a Liberal Arts degree doesn’t indicate that an individual can do one kind of job by virtue of possessing it. This makes sense that most people graduate with liberal art degree will have higher employment rate than other major since their major is wide and well-rounded, and Pew Research’s report demonstrate this idea with their data. The statistic shows that the employment rate for liberal Arts degree is higher than engineer degree.

In conclusion, I think both Jones and Pew Research believe that career only has small influence of one’s success. And I think they are right. Rather, a personal belief and value is a sign of success.

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