



Trying to land a job is frustrating

After reading many articles on how hard it has been for recent college grads to find work in their field and watching my own recent college grad trying to find a job, I was prompted to write.

Where has the humanness, or, at the very least, courtesy gone from prospective employers? I understand it is an employers' market and jobs are few, but does that mean they have to treat people as they are doing?

I have watched in frustration as my daughter, who has pored over her resume to make sure it is perfect, has gotten dressed and filled out applications, only to be told that the company will not accept them in person but that the applications must be filled out online.

If someone is showing the initiative to show up, looking professional and motivated, can't someone at least talk with her? Some of these young people are paying good money to make sure their resumes are perfect. Time and time again I have watched her mail or personally deliver to places in hopes of finding something. Most places do not even respond back to her. She has diligently followed up only to be told in a rude manner that if they are interested they will call her back. What is wrong with this picture?

We expect our employees to be polite and courteous to others, and yet that somehow doesn't apply to human resources? No wonder she is frustrated. I am just as frustrated watching all of this happen. When she calls back, it is because she is enthusiastic and wants a job. She is not trying to be a pest but no one feels the need to reply. How hard is it to at least send something in the mail?

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Questions for Romney

I am a 45-year-old worker, with five mouths to feed, counting my own. I have the love of my life, who lost her job a few years ago and is now at home taking care of the rest of us, which is a job in itself, and I like her there. Then comes the 9-year-old boy who is growing like a weed, plus the dog and the cat round out the five.

I make \$55,000 a year, averaging 70 hours per week, working all the overtime I can get. I work 7 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., 5 days a week including some Saturdays. This means I am not there to help with homework, for family meals, parenting time or just seeing the boy grow up. No complaints.

What has put the burr under my saddle is that I pay 33 percent of my check to taxes -- \$18,150. And anybody who has been there knows you don't get it back! So how can our Republican nominee, Mitt Romney, make \$20 million a year and pay only 15 percent to taxes?

I was raised Republican and always voted Republican. I do not like the president we now have and I will not vote for him. Nor can I vote for someone who does not have a clue what it is like to live paycheck to paycheck.

The last vacation my family went on was camping at a nice place with a waterpark five miles from home. Our vacation lasted three days and I had to work. That was three years ago.

When was the last time Mr. Romney's family had vacation, and did he go to work during it?

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