



The Extraordinary Profession

What one occupation, career or profession is extraordinary when compared with others?

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What is better for society, providing a family wage and encouraging stay-at-home mothers, or offering equal pay and encouraging mothers to work?

Which occupations, careers and professions have a positive impact on society and which do not?

After nearly 15 years of research into social problems, we have found some careers which have a positive impact on society. Those that do, have a positive impact in one or two areas. However, one particular career choice is extraordinary. It repeatedly shows up in statistics as providing at least seven significant benefits to other people and society. No other choice comes even close. This is the stay-at-home mother.

I shake my head at the misinformed people who condescendingly refer to this as “only a homemaker.” They have obviously not taken the trouble to research the statistics and reports. If they did, they would marvel at how much of a positive impact the stay-at-home mother has on her own family, her neighborhood and even on crime and taxes. For those who do not know, here is some of the basic information.

1. Healthier Family

The family of a stay-at-home mother is statistically more likely to be healthier, both physically and emotionally. Since she spends more time with her family, she is more likely to find and take action where it is necessary. She is also in a better position to provide home support for professional medical services. Children growing up in a traditional two-parent family with a stay-at-home mother are least likely to develop emotional problems.

2. Better Education

Getting good grades depends more on family choices than on family finances. Children growing up in a traditional two-parent household with a stay-at-home mother are more likely to get good grades than kids from a more affluent family with a working mother. It is also interesting that kids with a stay-at-home mother are more likely to complete more years of education. The reason is simple; a stay-at-home mother not only helps the kids with their school work but also supports and encourages them.

3. Less Drugs, Less Problems with the Law

The statistics are simple; kids who spend more time with their parents are less likely to take drugs and get in trouble with the law. Kids who spend more time with their peers are more likely to take drugs and get in trouble with the law. A stay-at-home mother is not only the solution but also reduces taxes by reducing social problems.

4. Better Marriage

Traditional stay-at-home mothers statistically have better marriages. They are more likely to remain married, more likely to

be pleased with their marriage, and less likely to cheat on their husbands. Since married people are less likely to commit or be victims of crimes, this also reduces social problems, government spending and taxes.

5. Less Crime in the Neighborhood

Stay-at-home mothers are a factor in reducing crime in their neighborhood. Burglars and vandals are less likely to be active in areas with stay-at-home mothers and more likely to select areas where no one is present during the day.

6. Improvement for other kids in the neighborhood

In addition to reducing the activities of criminals in the neighborhood, stay-at-home mothers also positively influence other kids in the neighborhood. Statistically, having more stay-at-home mothers will improve the education of other kids in the neighborhood and reduce their number of incidents with the law.

7. Improving our Society

A stay-at-home mother is a major positive factor in our society. She provides an obvious example for others by putting others first rather than being pro-choice and selfish in decisions which affect society. If more people followed this example by putting others first and doing what is best for society, this would be a better world for all of us.

Some research also suggests that stay-at-home mothers are healthier and happier than working mothers. Hence, putting others first may offer some of its own rewards. It is also noteworthy that women who decide to be stay-at-home mothers almost never regret their decision but many who select a career outside the home often do. Women in later life never regret that they made the wrong decision and should have spent less time with their family and more time at the office.

What is a stay-at-home mother and homemaker? She is a nurse, a teacher and a social worker. She reduces crime and increases education. She improves the quality of life in her neighborhood. She even reduces everyone's taxes by reducing crime and social problems for all of us. Moreover, she provides an excellent example for our society by following the basic rule of Christianity of “Love your neighbor” and doing what is best for society.

“Only a homemaker?” Don't make me laugh. Is there any other career choice or occupation which provides an equal number of benefits for others and society? What other profession reduces crime, improves education, reduces taxes, improves our quality of life, and reduces social problems? In comparison to a stay-at-home mother, most other career choices pale by comparison. Stay-at-home mothers are reducing our social problems, not causing them.