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International Studies Career in a Changing World

Assessment 1- Research

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Assessment:

Knowledge in the field of International Studies was limited to what was seen in TV shows or heard from other people until research was conducted. I knew that International Studies was broad and that a degree in that field could translate into a lot of careers, but was not sure which one specifically would be the best fit. At first it was hard to find articles on careers in International Studies because it is such a broad topic. After further research I found three articles that helped shed some light on what a degree in International Studies really means and how one can translate that degree into a tangible career.

The first article I found was, "Launching a career in International Affairs," that listed detailed descriptions on areas of interest regarding a degree in International Studies. This article helped me realize that a degree in International Studies does not necessarily mean focusing on global policy and research, but it can also include analysis of data for the public sector. While I also learned that working for the public sector is possible, budget cuts are making it increasingly difficult for students right out of graduate school to land jobs. The fact that a degree in International Studies creates the possibility to land a job in the private and the public sector makes me less worried about career opportunities because there is more variety. I hope to learn more about what careers in both sectors entail and what their differences are throughout the year.

The second article I found, "Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies," delves more into the educational road to a career in International Affairs. This article also adds that work in the public sector is slowly diminishing because of budget cuts but includes that the public sector is mainly the intelligence community like Homeland Security and the Central Intelligence Agency. I also learned that some work in International Studies include

development projects in developing countries, which made me realize that development projects are not of interest to me. I would much rather work in the intelligence community analyzing data and helping government agencies with foreign affairs and policy. I hope that by researching more about International Studies I can understand more about how my topic fits into the intelligence community.

The last article I read, "From campus to career: one of the hallmarks of a leading program in International Affairs is cutting-edge career services," discusses the benefits of a strong graduate program at a well known school. Well known International Studies schools like John Hopkins, NYU, and Webster University offer incredible career services with the purpose of finding students employment before they graduate. They might offer an advantage because of extensive alumni connections that cannot be found anywhere else. I need to focus on going to a graduate school that offers career services that will ensure me a job before I graduate. The graduate school I go to will ensure that I receive connections to propel me into a successful career in International Studies. This year I hope to expand my knowledge in the field of International Studies by learning more about programs that I can partake in, in college to expand my mind and my resume.

The three articles I researched have opened my mind to the field of International studies by explaining the ins and outs of what it takes to have a successful career in International Studies. I now know that a masters degree is highly encouraged to have a job in this field and that there are growing opportunities for this career. From the articles I found out that work in the public sector is hard to come by because of increasing budget cuts, but that there are a multitude of jobs in the private sector. While the private sector has the most opportunity I am most

interested in the public sector, because analyzing data and foreign affairs for a government agency piques my interest the most. I hope that this is only the beginning of my research on my topic and that as the year goes by my knowledge of International Studies grows as I learn more and have new experiences.

Annotated Articles:

Article 1 <http://scrible.com/s/2CYMm>

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