1. What is smurfing?

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1. What’s the difference between SKILL and RANK?

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1. What are factors that are allowing so many workers to have a high professional RANK with a low professional SKILL?

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1. How do you think the standards of education over the last two years have contributed to the current situation with our economy and labor force?

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1. What would be the long-term consequences of everybody (including you) who graduates from high school for the next two years only having D’s and C’s?

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1. Do you care about your education or your future job prospects? Why or why not?

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1. Do you want to do well in this class. Why or why not?

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1. Think of your friends and peers in shop / other classes who aren’t taking school seriously. How easy do you think it would be to beat them in grades, or getting a job?

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1. What are the easiest ways YOU can edge out your peers in grades and job offers? What are easy changes can you make to get more from your education?

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1. Do you believe that Computer Programming class will only allow you to build a career in Software Development. If so, why? If not, what skills from this class can you transfer to other careers?

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1. Reflect on Question #5. What do you think will happen to you if you graduate with C’s and try stay comfortable as a mediocre worker, if all of the students who graduate from high school are suddenly getting straight A’s?

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