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Research Paper Thesis/Outline

1. The relationship between happiness and career choices is one that I am curious about and this is the subject of this investigation.
2. Now that I am in college and am about to join the workforce soon, I wonder about how my life will be like in the near future. I always see news stories covering instances of people being extremely rude to fast-food workers and other service workers, which is very alarming. These poor souls only get paid near minimum wage, yet most people treat them with great disrespect. This doesn't help the fact that I am already anxious about getting a full-time job and now after recent events I am worried that my future work environment will be as bad as those I see online. On top of that, there are many other factors that could cause my work life to be miserable. As a result, the relationship between happiness and career choices is one that I am curious about and is the subject of this investigation.
3.
 - The state of the economy can impact choice in career path and as a result impact job satisfaction.
 - If the economy is in a bad state, you would prefer a secure job over one that is not. And you would probably choose the secure one even if it makes you unhappy. In one of my sources, a study found that police

officers in a country with a flourishing economy chose to become a police officer because they wanted to help people, while police officers

- The type of work you can do can also affect job satisfaction.
 - The type of work you are being paid for by the hour will affect how happy you are. For example, service workers like fast-food workers deal with rude customers all the time. Jobs like these could cause you to become miserable.
- Your coworkers could impact your happiness.
 - Your fellow coworkers could make you happy or unhappy. For example, one of my sources covered a study of a police department's hierarchy and different positions' job satisfaction. Dealing with unpleasant coworkers could make you unhappy.
- Job income could affect job satisfaction.
 - How much a job pays could impact career choices and therefore job satisfaction. Many people would choose a good-paying job even if it is difficult and has terrible working conditions. For example, manual labor pays a decent amount but it is often very dangerous.
- Values could affect job satisfaction.
 - As with the point about the state of economy and job security, your values could impact which career path you choose. If you are working a job that you don't agree with but have to use to survive, you will be unhappy. For example, many Amazon workers work at Amazon not because they want to but because they need to.

4. For my entire paper, I plan to investigate the relationship between job satisfaction and career choices. The results that I find could help me make an educated conclusion about how different choices can affect how happy a person is.