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CareerFitter Test Reflection

I think that my results from the CareerFitter test are fairly aligned with my intended career. I envision myself working as a data analyst for an organization that uses the tools of data science to solve problems through information. In an ideal scenario, I would be working for a sports franchise, using these data science tools to conduct studies into player analytics. The results given to me by the CareerFitter test fit this type of career to an extent, but do not describe my ideal work environment entirely.

The pandemic has made me realize that I crave some amount of structure in my life. Without it, I tend to lose myself in complacency, preferring to binge endless series on Netflix and Hulu instead of learning and growing as a person. When I was home this past summer, I created structure by following a simple routine every day; this semester, the classes that I have enjoyed the most have had a consistent workload and expectations (this class being among them). I believe that this translates to my future workplace, as well. I enjoy working independently, but I do not have the pure drive that lets me work well when there is no pressure. The CareerFitter test seems to have realized this, as it states that I work best in a flexible environment that strikes a healthy balance between structure and freedom. At my co-op this past year, I had an extreme dislike for the environment in which I worked. I had no daily responsibilities; I was just given projects to work on, and I could check in with a software engineer whenever I needed help or review. The pandemic did not do this environment any favors, but my first few months there occurred before any lockdowns happened. When we still worked in the office, I would very regularly not talk to anyone throughout the day. My only communications with my coworkers would be Mattermost messages to the software engineer who supervised me. I imagine that my ideal workplace is one where I have some form of a daily routine, albeit one that can be flexible.

The CareerFitter test seems to be much more confident than I am in my ability to be spontaneous. The test results state that I rarely work from a plan and would rather make things up as I go. I do not enjoy planning every aspect of my life, but I almost always make use of to-do lists and calendars to maintain the structure that I do crave. Again, I enjoy being flexible when working; I like to have some general plan of what I will accomplish during the day, as well as the freedom to deviate from that plan when I deem it to be necessary. I attribute this to an inclination towards tangible results, where I measure most of my days in terms of the quantity of tasks that I completed. Most likely, I assume this mindset out of a fear of being complacent and bored with classes or tasks at work. It is possible that this is a somewhat naïve mindset, developed through years of schooling, that is unsustainable in the workplace and will need to be adapted. I have to make sure that I plan out serious tasks to work on throughout a workday, as opposed to empty ones that just give me a feeling of accomplishment.

Briefly, I dislike that the test assesses users’ income potential, even though it labeled mine as very strong. That it labeled my earning potential as very strong implies that another’s potential might be very weak, which seems antithetical to the point of taking a career fit test. I believe that assessing one’s personality in the context of how well-suited it is for making money strips them of the freedom to be their own person. If we only concern ourselves with the aspects of our personalities that best contribute to our earnings potential, we end up neglecting some of our most unique and interesting characteristics, and the world gets slightly more boring and homogenized.

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