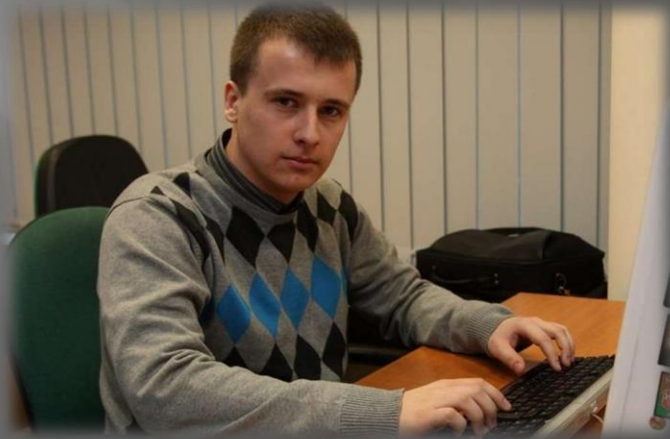


PRESTIGE OF THE PROFESSION OF THE JOURNALIST

PRESENTATION MADE BY II LICEUM OGÓLNOKSZTAŁCĄCE
IM. KONSTYTUCJI 3 MAJA W KROŚNIE



Here everything began...



I decided to set pare of
question in order to learn for
some reason about this
profession and him.



The first question read as follows :

When was the first time you thought you wanted to be a journalist?



- Being a journalist has been, in fact, both my dream and my goal since I was a child. When I was in primary school, I was interested in all kind of news. When I was on my way to high school (and the other way round), I spent every moment reading newspapers. That was a long time ago, though. A lot has changed since then. Thanks to taking out subscription, I had a constant access to my favorite Polish newspapers such as the Politics the Tempo.

What did you do to become a journalist?

- After I had finished high school I moved from Krosno to Warsaw, where I had been given a chance to take part in some interesting preparatory courses by the time I took exams. I was really busy during those holidays. However, it was the first time I had walked into the office of the Rzeczpospolita. My only goal was to study journalism, but I quickly realized, that theoretical knowledge would not guarantee much. So I ended up studying political science. In retrospect, it seems to have been a good appropriate choice, just as learning foreign languages-the sooner, the better.

Did you have a hard time being a journalist? Have you ever thought about giving up?

- I have gone through trying times, but working as a journalist is always challenging, isn't it?. You have to be focused, reliable and available all the time. It often generates stress. I have never thought about giving up my job and this will probably never cross my mind. I am aware, that a lot of people wish they were in my shoes, and I know how hard I had to work to reach my goals. It is worth remembering, even when you have a tough times.



What do you like most about being a journalist?

- There is a constant adrenaline rush and I work at high speed- that's what I honestly love. Moreover, I have access to places, people and information, which most people will not get. But I must say that we should not glorify people who hit the headlines- those are the same people as us, also with the weaknesses and imperfections.



Do you have a feeling that your profession is prestigious?

- I would not define it as prestige. Journalism is a job that we do to serve people. Thanks to the media, the public have information at their fingertips.



What are advantages of working as a journalist?

- Apart from what I mentioned before, I am aware that my job is quite interesting and, statistically, few people deal. How many journalists do we have in Poland? When we take into consideration that about 40 million people live in that country, it does not seem to be a lot. Nowadays, thanks to social media, almost everyone is able to write. As a result, this profession is becoming more available to the majority of young people.



Can you be promoted in your profession?

- Obviously, even though getting a promotion in journalism jobs hierarchy is not so popular, you can be promoted to the head of the department or, in the long run, you can become an editor -in-chief. Personally, I am much more interested in having the opportunity to cover some important events than being promoted. It is not important to focus on your job position and salary- all in good time.

What does your typical workday look like?

- When I work in television and I am getting ready for my broadcast, the real work begins a few days earlier. I watch some old games, browse local newspapers, read nationwide websites and simply search for information. On the match day, I just revise all the information I have got so far, and, if necessary, I update some of it. I used to work mostly in the editorial office, although there were also some interesting business trips. Being a journalist is a 24 -hour job - that is the one thing that never changes. You cannot compare it to the work in a corporation, which is time-bound work.



The presentation was made by Aleksandra Bąk