

Episode 9: Should parents choose a career of their kid?

*Original Script:*

Tkharajet min el-madrasesh w hal2 sar lezim tfot 3ala jem3ah. Akid m7amas w mabsout 3ashen enta hal2 serit kbir w mostaqel w yimkin ma 3ayesh ma3 ahlak. Bitfe2 bus badak, bitnem bus badak, btekol shu ma badak, btidhar bus badak, w bta3mul shu ma badak! Wait a second! Do whatever you want? Not really! Your parents want you to become an engineer, a doctor, or even a lawyer. How do you feel about that?

Akid el-ahel badon masla7et awledon dayman, bus b ktir sa2afet, el-ahel byeghosbo wledon yederso ekhtisasat m3ayaneh. Hayde el-ekhtisasat bitkon 3adan handaseh, tob, aw 7o2o2. How fair is that? Ma32ol el-taleb ma bye2dar yna2e el-ekhtisas yale bado yeh? Hayda kamen mosta2balo w lezim kil shakhes fina yna2e tari2o!

Bitzakar lama tkharaget min el-madrasesh baye ale feye na2e fot 3ala we7de min arba3 jem3at b Beirut. B hayde ken ma3o 7a2 3ashen ken bado yene fot 3ala a7san jem3ah b Beirut. Bus eme ken bada yene edros Biology, Chemistry, shi bira2ya elo eme. The phrase, “Elo eme” literally translates to; has a value in other words; something valuable. Ana ken bade edros e3lem ya3ne Communication Arts. W kil ma ela la eme tekhwat w tjin w t2ol, “binte bada ta3mul e3lem? Abadan!”. My mother would go crazy every time I brought up the major I wanted to do, as if it was so shameful!

Bil nesbe lal ahel el-jem3ah ktir ghalyeh w bitkhalef ktir masareh. Fa hene bifakro inu lezim nedros shi mhem 3ashen lama nitkharag nle2e shoghol bser3ah w na3mul masare bser3a. Bus fi shi esmo shaghaf ya3ne passion. Fi nes 3inda shaghaf inu tkon doctora w fi nes 3inda shaghaf inu tkon momaseleh. Passion is the key to success & possibilities. El-shaghaf mefte7 el-naje7 w el-emkeniyet. Tkhay-yal lama tedros shi enta ma bit7ibo, ma32ol 7a tro7 3ala shghlak kil yom mabsut? Aw ma32ol tintoj min albak? In my opinion majoring in something you don't love is exactly like not fighting to be with a girl that you love.

B 7alte daraset Communication Arts bidon ma ahle ya3erfo. Khabarton 3am ba3mul Education. Basically, I lied, but hey! I wanted to fight for something I love! Khabarton lama kinet telet sineh jem3ah. Akid ze3lo ktir bus ana ma nadmeneh.

Fi we7de ba3refe ahla keno badon yeha tedros tob. Daraset tob snen kermel ahla w kermel tkhalihon ykono fakhorin fiha. Isn't that why we study something we don't like? It's about the guilt that we feel towards our parents. We want them to be proud of us! Hal benit tkharajet dob snen w kenit min el-awe2el. Yes, a dentist with honors. Bus 7zaro shu? Fishlet! How, I just said she graduated with honor. How did she fail in her career? 3ashen ma 3inda shakhaf! Mish shatrah! Eda ktir t2ele! Eda t2ele means her hand is heavy. W bira2ye doctor snen lezim tkon edo khafifeh, doctor snen lezim yukon shater, doctor snen lezim yukun fanen! Hayde el-benit hal2 3am t3alem biology b jem3ah. 8 snin dares w ta3ab w ekher shi btifshal!

I'm curious to know who created these classes or hierarchy for majors? Iza btedros dob, 7andaseh aw 7o2o2 enta min al-taba2ah al-ola w akid enta ktir zaky w momayaz. W iza btidros Business or psychology enta min el-taba2ah el-tenyeh. W eza btedros fonon, e3mlem, sa7afeh enta min el-taba2ah el-telete w el-akirah! Min al? Who said! Shaming and guilt creates nothing but anxiety and depression for students.

Of course, we can generalize that everyone that majors in something they don't like will fail. But I'm a firm believer in following your dream and fighting for the things you love. I respect people that commit to their dreams. My Italian student Leda is the perfect example. I will let her narrate her story.

Ana 3inde fashion brand esma 3ala esme, Leda. Ana binet Itlaliyeh w esme min malikeh astoriyeh min al-jonen.

I guess now I know where you brought all that strength from; Leda a Greek goddess.

Bima2eno jnoub Itlia kenit mo7taleb min el-yonen la kaza snin. Khle2it b Italia w sakanet b Roma lama ana ken 3omre set snin. Bus ana sefart 3ala kil el-3alam. Ana safarat 3ala Maser, Engeltra, Espania, Hind, Kenya, Russia, w ktir balad.

Ba3ed ma khalaset madraseh ana ken bade edros Fashion bus ma 7ada eman fiyeh. T3ebait esma3 shu mni7 ele w shu mish mni7 ele. Ana ken bade na2e tari2eh. Hayda ma ken sahel abadan ele.

I can imagine how difficult it is for Leda to become a fashion designer. In many cultures fashion design comes in the 3rd hierarchy.

7ekyo ana lezim a3mul shi ktir ma3rof w mohem. Shi mitel ktir 3alam! Bus ana mish mitel ktir 3alam. W el-fashion business ktir mohem kamen. Ana 3refit kil osas w el-afkar yale kil el-nes 3indon 3an el-fashion. Ni7na ktir superficial w hysterical marat ni7na ktir b3ad min el-7a2i2ah. El-ashkhas bus bishufu fashion show bus ma bishofo ta3ab el-shghol.

That's true! Fashion design has become highly competitive today. If you want to pursue a career in this industry, you will have to work harder and develop several other skills.

Ana mabsouta la endam 3ala 3alam al-jamel w al-moda. Ana mish nadmene 3ala khayari abadan. Osti mish sahleh 3ashen ana arar-ret el7a2 7elmeh. Kenit la 7ale w ana 3refit ine 7akon la 7ale. Bus hayda shi ma khalaneh wa2ef, bil 3akes khaleneh rakez 3ala 7elme aktar.

Fi dirase bit2ol inu, wled 3anedin 3adatan byinjaho aktar bil 7ayet. W mitel ma alet Leda, lama shefit heye 7atkon la 7ala bidon aya support aw da3em, hayda shi khaliha a2wa w tinja7 aktar. It didn't break her but gave her motivation to pursue her dream.

B 2018 balashet sherket el-fashion brand la neswen. Na2et madinat Milano w New York ma7al la ma3rede. Ana bnazel tyeb martien, marat bil seif w marat bil shiti. Ana ba3red khilel fashion weeks of February and September. Ana b7ib asesm seif collection le2an fasel el-seif mofadal 3inde. Ktir alwen awiyeh, 7oriyeh, ashkel w tafasil.

Me too, summer season and clothes are my favorite. Leda is an inspiration she wanted to become a fashion designer and because she has the right passion towards it, she succeeded. W 3ala fekra, one of my favorite perfumes is called 28 South and it's designed by her.

A7san shi el-ahel fihon y2admo la wledon huwe el-da3em w tashji3on 3ala ekhtiyar ekhtisason, bil neheye ekhtisasna huwe 7elmna w mosta2balna. Parents should channel their anxiety over their children's futures into helping them find their right paths, not just dictating what they should do. That's part of helping them grow up. Students need guidance while they navigate a difficult series of choices. The best thing is to support them, rather than taking those choices away.

*Translation:*

You graduated from school and now you must enroll in a college. You are definitely excited and happy because you are older, independent, and probably not living with your parents. You wake up whenever you want, sleep whenever you want, eat whatever you want, hangout whenever you want, and do whatever you want. Wait a second! Do whatever you want? Not really! Your parents want you to become an engineer, a doctor, or even a lawyer. How do you feel about that?

For sure parents want the best for their kids always, but in many cultures, parents force their children to choose specific majors. These majors are usually engineering, medicine, or law. How fair is that? Is it not possible a student to pick the major he/she wants? This is his/her career and every person should follow their path.

I remember when I graduated from high school my father told me to pick one of the 4 universities in Beirut. I think he was right because he wanted me to join the best university in Beirut. But my mother wanted me to study Biology, Chemistry, something in her opinion; valuable or worth it. I wanted to study communication arts. And every time I would mention it to her, she would go nuts and says, “my daughter wants to study media? Never!”.

According to parents, university is expensive. They think you must study something “important” so when you graduate you find a job right away and you make money right away. But there is something called passion. There are people who have passion to be a doctor and some have passion to become an actor. Passion is the key to success & possibilities. Imagine when you’re study something you don’t like, is it possible you will go to work happy? In my opinion majoring in something you don’t love is exactly like not fighting to be with a girl that you love.

In my case I studied communication arts without my parent’s knowledge. I told them I was doing education. Basically, I lied, but hey! I wanted to fight for something I love! I told them the truth during my junior year. Of course, they were upset but I don’t regret it.

There is a girl that I know, her parents wanted her to become a dentist. She went to dentistry school because she wants her parents to be proud of her. Isn’t that why we study something we don’t like? It’s about the guilt that we feel towards

our parents. We want them to be proud of us! She graduated with honor. Yes, a dentist with honors. But guess what! She failed! How, I just said she graduated with honor. How did she fail in her career? Because she doesn't have a passion towards it. Her hand is very heavy. In my opinion a dentist should be talented with a gentle hand. This girl is now teaching biology in a school. 8 years of studying and at last you fail!

I'm curious to know who created these classes or hierarchy for majors? If you study medicine, engineering, or law you belong to the first class and of course you are smart and exceptional. If you study business or psychology, you belong to the second class. And if you study art, media, journalism you belong to the third class and last class. Who said! Shaming and guilting creates nothing but anxiety and depression for students.

Of course, we can generalize that everyone that majors in something they don't like will fail. But I'm a firm believer in following your dream and fighting for the things you love. I respect people that commit to their dreams. My Italian student Leda is the perfect example. I will let her narrate her story.

I have a fashion brand and my brand is named after me, Leda. I'm an Italian girl and I am named after a Greek Queen Goddess.

I guess now I know where you brought all that strength from; Leda a Greek goddess.

Since south of Italy was conquered by the Greeks for several years. I was born in Italy and I lived in Roma when I was 6 years old I traveled the whole world. I traveled to Egypt, England, Spain, Indian, Kenya, Russia, and a lot of countries.

After I finished school, I wanted to study Fashion, but nobody believed in me. I was tired of listening to advice of what's best for me and what's not. I wanted to follow my path; this wasn't easy for me at all.

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They said, I must study something special and important. Like a lot of people! But I'm not like other people! And fashion business is also important. I knew all the stories and ideas that people had about fashion. We are very superficial and

hysterical sometimes we are far from the truth. People only see the fashion show, but they don't see the hard work it took.

That's true! Fashion design has become highly competitive today. If you want to pursue a career in this industry, you will have to work harder and develop several other skills.

I'm very happy to be a part in the world of beauty and fashion. I don't regret my choice. My story is not easy because I chose to follow my dream. I was alone and I knew I was going to be alone. But this thing didn't make stop, in fact it made me more stubborn and focus on my dream more.

There is a study that says, stubborn kids usually succeed more in life. And as said mentioned, when she realized she was going to be alone without support, this made her stronger. It didn't break her but gave her motivation to pursue her dream.

In 2018 I started my fashion brand for women. I chose Mila and New City a place for my show room. I launch clothes twice, ones in the summer and ones in the winter. I display my collection during the fashion weeks of February and September. I love designing summer clothes because summer is my favorite season. A lot of strong colors, freedom, designs, and details.

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The best thing parents can do toward their kids is support on choosing their career. At the end their career is their dream and future. Parents should channel their anxiety over their children's futures into helping them find their right paths, not just dictating what they should do. That's part of helping them grow up. Students need guidance while they navigate a difficult series of choices. The best thing is to support them, rather than taking those choices away.