

**When I was a lad many years ago in Junior High, I was faced with the question of what High School path I want to take. I was told, coming from a working class family, that unless I wanted to become a doctor, lawyer or teacher, there was really no possibility or reason to go to college.**

**I also talked to my uncles and aunts and was told that about the only chance I had to not end up flipping burgers, was to join the service and learn a trade. I did that and the training I received has served me well for my entire life with a rewarding career.**

**I was lucky, no one in my family treated my career choice as a failure. I may be wrong, but now I feel that a person who decides to learn a trade, either in a business as a trainee or in the service, is treated as a failure. The blue collar worker is treated as a second class citizen.**

**I tried to give the same advice to my children and of the three, two have a college degree and one went the “service to learn a trade“ route.**

**I have seen many college graduates in our management development program, as I advanced to a management position with my company, who thought the world owed them a living and a position rather than a job.**

**And I also believe that the actual information the young are receiving, (some call it being fed), in that so called college degree is suspect but that is food for another blog.**