

When you want to choose career options based on your skills and experience



The Changing World of Work

What's it like out there



Course outline

Date	Topic	Notes
3/23	What's it like out there	
3/30	Doing the Job	
No class meeting on 4/6		
4/13	Keeping the Job	
4/20	Losing the Job	Lori MacGregor, Reignition Project
4/27	Looking Ahead	Shannon Curtis, Assumption Career Development



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About yours truly



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Every time you are inclined to use the word “teach”, replace it with “learn”. That is, instead of saying, “I teach”, say “They learn”. It’s very easy to determine what you teach; you can just fill slides with text and claim to have taught. Shift your focus to determining how you know whether they learned what you claim to have taught (or indeed anything at all!). That is much harder, but that is also the real objective of any educator.

— Shriram Krishnamurthi, *Pedagogy Recommendations*



How long have you been retired?

- One year or less
- Two to five years
- Five to 10 years
- More than 10 years
- Still working



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General Questions

- What advice do you have for people, particularly in your family, who are looking for their first jobs?
- For people who've lost their jobs?
- For people who are considering a job or career change?
- What are they telling you about their work?

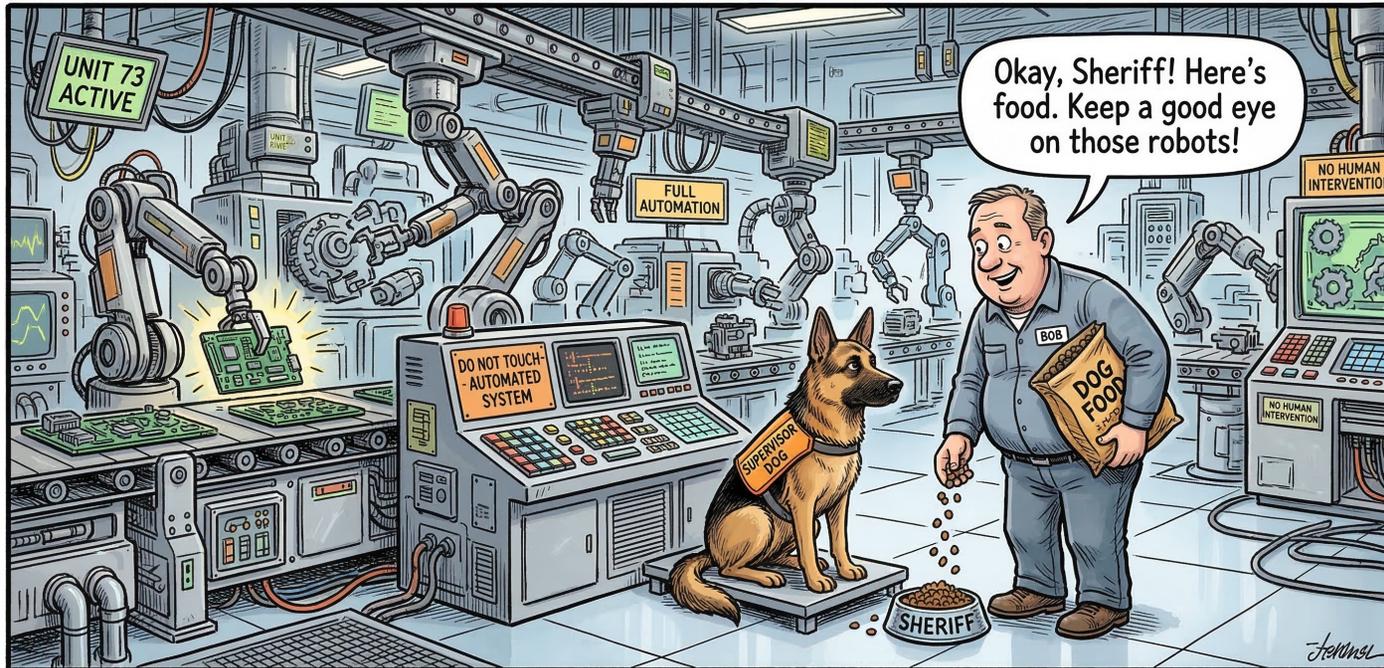


Discussion

- Describe a conversation you've had with someone who is looking for work
- With someone who has lost a job



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"The factory of the future will have only two employees, a man and a dog. The man will be there to feed the dog. The dog will be there to keep the man from touching the equipment." - WARREN BENNIS

The Factory of the Future

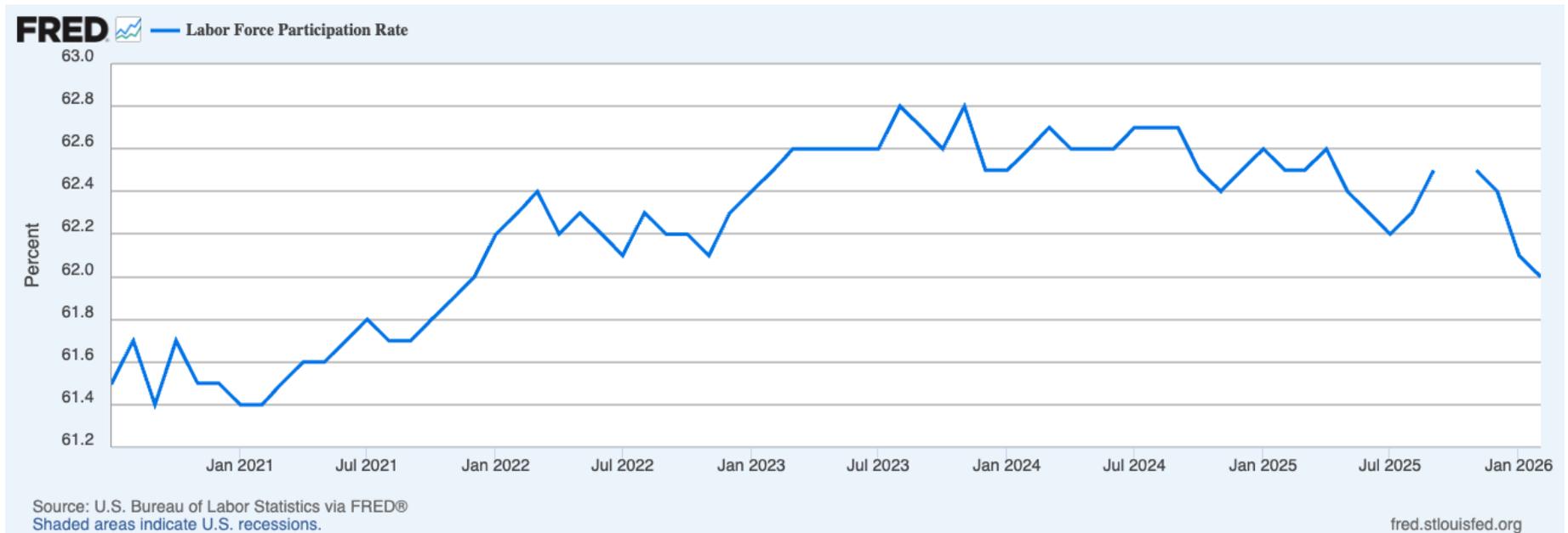


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Who do you trust for news about the job market?



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Labor Market Participation (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)



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College-Educated Job Loss Rises

White-collar slowdown hits four-year degrees

Share of US unemployed with four-year degrees



Sources: Department of Labor, Bloomberg

Bloomberg

Americans With Four-Year Degrees Now Comprise a Record 25% of Unemployed Workers



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Top Places to Work 2025 (*Boston Globe*, 02-Dec-2025)



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AI and entry level jobs shift as IBM triples hiring plans



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What do employers want?



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"The credential filter is weakening. Proof of execution is replacing pedigree,"

College degrees no longer required



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First-time job seekers



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Early-mid career



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Conclusions



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Next week – Doing the Job



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