Annotated Bibliography on Tattoos in the Workplace


This article is about the kind of people who would get tattoos back then compared to today. Back then tattoos were mainly for bikers, sailors, and criminals. Today everyone gets tattoos and the author explains that in the article he also explains the causes of getting tattoos either for individuality or spiritual reasons. This is relevant to my research because it talks about tattoos and how it's recently grown from what it once was. It is important because it explains that tattoos are not for bikers or criminals anymore and that now almost everyone has a tattoo.


This article gives reasons why many people feel the need to get tattoos and why many remove them. The people the author interviewed said that they felt their tattoos made them standout from others and it was a way of expressing themselves, while others said they regretted their tattoos and some even said they were in the process of removing them because they wanted a specific job or because they did not want their kids or grandchildren to see their tattoos because they felt like it gave the kids a negative image of who their parents or grandparents once were. This article is relevant because it gives information on the many reasons people get tattoos. It is important because it will help me make a case that people actually do remove tattoos because they can’t get a specific job they want because they have tattoos.

This article speaks of the rising popularity of tattoos. It speaks of some companies who have been forced to change their policies on tattoos just to have workers hired. The author gives an example that he sees at work with his employees who is surprised that half of them are tattooed. He is surprised because he had not known that many of his workers and even some of his top workers had them. He explains how he just has to let it go and ignore the tattoos. This article is important because it will help me give my audience information on how many employers just ignore the tattoos or have just given in and are now allowing them as long as they are not huge distractions.


The author of this news article spoke of the new restrictions on tattoos and body piercings being placed in the army and other military branches. The author quotes Major Joe Buccino with him saying “That’s truly the driving impetus behind this is that the Sergeant Major of the Army wants soldiers to look like a professional force.” The reason to implement these rules are not only to be more professional but the army is downsizing its personnel. This piece of information will help me in a way to prove that tattoos are one of the reasons people get
turned down for a job, in this case the job is serving your country. There is many people who wish to join the military but these people have tattoos and it makes it harder for them to do so.


This article shows the results of a study that studies the way people perceive others with tattoos. People were shown images of with models with and without tattoos. They all found that the models with tattoos were rated negatively based on the characteristics the test subject saw from the picture. This is relevant to my research because it suggests that tattoos give off a negative image of a person and that cannot happen when a person is looking for a job. That part is important because it will help me back up my point that some employers do not hire people because of the negative image they project with their tattoos.


This journal discusses the issue of tattoo acceptance in society and in the work environment. The author writes about his experience and has interviews with people and why they got their tattoos in the places they got them. Many answered it was because they didn't want others to see their tattoos because of fear of losing their jobs or acceptance of others. This is relevant and important because it explains the reasons why people get tattoos and gives some insight on how they hide their tattoos for work or interviews. Some even say they got tattoos just to feel accepted.
This article gives the authors opinion on tattoos being allowed in professional environments. The author gives her experience when she first started working as a nurse. She spoke about the problems that could appear because of her tattoo on her forearm. She explains that in the 20 years she has been a nurse not one patient has ever disliked her tattoo. This information is relevant because it involves a professional worker with a tattoo who has had no problem in her career. It is also important because she is showing that her appearance does not affect her work and the way she treats her patients.