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This is a survey of a sample of girls in the last year of grammar school at the advanced Institutes of Pescara (250 in total). It is possible to understand the aspirations of the new generation of young women and about their insertion in the job world. It comes out the preference for an independent job, hopefully well paid, part-time, and stimulating. At the same time this survey denounces the inadequate preparation for a job, the insufficient information on the concrete possibilities and the ignorance of job legislation.

The inadequacy of scholastic instruction in reference to the job world is a handicap for the students. Girls are aware of that. They would gladly attend a course aimed at a possible professional insertion and - difficult to preview - they would also like to work abroad.

Meaningful, and in perfect correspondence with the results of other European surveys, is the demand for an activity that permits one to have both family and job, without penalizing one or the other because both are perceived as

very important for the personal equilibrium and the well-being of the person.

These are girls who want to escape the concept of a job as a totalitarian dimension of life. They aspire to be knowledgeable in a career, but they do not want to sacrifice their life and ideals.

In other words, from this survey we see that girls turn out to be at risk, because they have strong expectations on their future and insufficient acquaintances and experiences. Too many expectations are made by the world of adults, entrepreneurs and politicians.

This book, beyond concurring with known opinions and expectations of female students, also supplies us with information on regional legislative opportunities that support entrepreneurial women and their access to the world of job.

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