

Julia Terentyeva: Your choice for future job: Ukraine or abroad?

There is such a computer game-“Civilization». The player leaps forward his nation by building cities, creating troops, conquering new lands. Moreover, he solves many line problems- economical, political, social, develops diplomacy, culture, science. Ukrainian nation is absent. But it is of little consequence. The player can choose another one. It's not also a decisive importance, that the foreign game was Russified, but you can't find it in Ukrainian, such cities as Sevastopol, Odessa, Donetsk are considered to be more Russian, than Ukrainian one. There is no harm in that for us, as it's just a computer game. Upon the other hand we see one very important thing- the factor of “ far-reaching cultural influence”. What it is, I'll try to explain briefly for those, who have never played it. Developing your entire nation and every city separately, you may expand “the influence”, and so enlarge the territory. If the opponent's town, where the level of development is rather low, falls under influence, its people soon may revolt and join the player's nation. So without aggression you win a new territory. What am I driving at? It's not difficult to take the hint. We all realize, that “Civilization's” creators can't have made up such a things. If all names are truthful, why must be “culture influence” a simple creation? We mustn't find a lot of proofs, just look around! Switch on the TV or the radio. Read a magazine or the newspaper; enjoy walking across the Ukrainian cities or suburbs! You see that “profound influence” is in every thing that surrounds us. No doubt, the first factor is the language. If we say, “Ukraine is the Best” or “Україна- лучш ая”, we will forget to say “Україна-найкраща”, although it is more pleasant and sweet. “German quality”, “American dream”, “Russian character” are put on airs. It might seem that every member of our society knows by hearsay, that Japanese is reliable, Korean is high-tech, Chinese is everything, for all is “made in China”, the best rest is in the Egypt, the tastiest beer is in Czechia, the most qualified builders are in Turkey. Finally what is worthy of special attention in our Motherland-Ukraine? Why dose foreign attract us more than native? Sometimes we keep thinking about for what country should we work-for Ukraine or for other distant lands? At long last- Ukraine or abroad?

Working for the good of society without receiving payment has been a normal part of all of my life. Both of my parents encouraged me to be active, and to strive to make the world better- the big world, and the small world around me. At last, in the 10th form my friends and I became the member of the Volunteering organization. Serving the public was a very important part of that education. We collected food and clothes at our school to those who needed it in the area, and, instead of having free time, visited pensioners, families with many children. It's wonder! A lot of them became our friends. My working gave me many benefits. It made me feel good! For that reason alone, I decided to be a doctor. Volunteering impacts my choice. Studying medicine science, I learn to appreciate man's life, understand how it actually does feel good to do something nice for someone, for free, for no other reason than because you wanted to, or felt like it was necessary. I found, that people see that they actually can make a difference, and they learn to think about the world around them, not only about themselves. Before you choose your future career, you must ask yourself quite a lot of questions and that is difficult to answer. Many young people choose a popular profession and having done so, they are sure this is just they want. But soon they realize they have made a mistake which is sometimes very difficult to correct. I think that one of the most difficult things is to plan one's own future. Choosing your future career is not a simple thing, but a very important one, and nobody else can do it for you. While our studying at the university we face frequent with the world without borders... It's the world where you are free, and all doors are opened for you, you must only take the right way of it. This world is very amazing and mysterious. After all, it's a world, that is far from your Motherland.

Being a curious person, I wanted to live and work abroad some years ago. It's very interesting for me to go abroad to see other people and learn the world beyond. Paying attention to my future

profession, my acquaintance with the medicine may help in improving my knowledge. I can add, that doctors are more paid abroad, than in Ukraine. In every European country doctors are respectable, well-rewarded, advantaged persons. They don't need finding more than one work, shoulder night watching. Foreign doctors have proper medical facilities, they succeed in resolving the problem of closed surgery. Honestly, we must apprentice to them, as the old proverb says: "Live and learn". Living in another country is always interesting and exciting, for you are confronted by difficulties, that must be overcome as soon as possible, meet big noises, make new acquaintances. You understand that life level is rather high, the society is more democratic, the state cares for the citizens. But one fine point, that it worries only about native-borns. And you always feel yourself there as the stranger. I know exactly, when you arrive in another country, you are asked: "What is your reason of your coming here? Don't you think that if you are not needed in your Motherland, you are needed in foreign lands-"When in Rome do as the Romans do".

As in the proverb "Every fruit has its day", every generation has its time too. Well, some years ago it was great, if you had a chance to work abroad, but today I am sure, the situation is quite opposite. You are lucky if you have managed to work in Ukraine, for Ukraine! Our Motherland is prosperous, uncoming country. It's excellent, if you live, study or work here. You needn't explain, that Ukraine is the independent country, with own government, policy. How strange to have found out, that the majority of Americans thinks, that Ukraine is the part of Russia, and even some of them includes it to the American states. Living in Ukraine you face with merits and demerits. But in any way, you are worthy of respect here, for it's the country of your birth, and, I am sure, you'll never be asked to stand aside the public policy. East or west home is best. There are different countries in the world. They differ in size, political system, development of economy, cultural traditions. They are inhabited with people of different nations and races. Some countries are small, the other ones occupy the whole continents, but there is one unusual country. It's as charming as a fairy tale. Great Mountain stretches across it. There are no borders for inhabitants. This country is Ukraine. It is impossible to forget or to leave it. It's a place of my birthplace and I will always be closely liked with it, for I think even as an ordinary Ukrainian.

Of course, there are a lot of problems. But they are caused not only by today's economic hardship. The worst destabilizing factor in the modern Ukrainian community is the crises of consciousness, cultural and moral values. Another phenomenon is that a great number of young people these days think less of mental work, education research and knowledge in general. They are making money in a manner far remote from honest and professional work. When you are 16 or 17, you want to be independent in your actions and way of life. You want to develop interests and values different from those of your parents. You disagree on many problems: the time to come back home at night, the clothes to wear. And most young people want go further from their parents- to another city or even a country. But they don't understand that nobody is waiting for them there.

As for me, I want to stay in my Motherland. I have heard how ethnic Ukrainians in the USA or Great Britain behave. During holidays celebrations they always raise two flags, singing both anthems. These people love both their historical homeland and their country of residence. I think we must do everything in Ukraine to make Russians, Poles, Tatars and other ethnic groups feel comfortable, but at the same time not allow them to make us adapt to them. My hope is that some day we'll realize that people around the world are more similar than we are different. All of us hope for the same things: peace, love, and acceptance...I think communication is the key to understanding one another and if we can begin this communication at a young age it will have an even greater chance for success. Now I realize, that if a person really wants something in this world, he'll always try to get it, for while there is life, there's hope for everyone and real success comes in small portions every day.

In any way, we must respect ourselves and start building our Ukraine, because no one will come here to do it instead of us. . A nation is born from its land, its history, its art, its traditions and its institutions. These things work together to make people what they are. Although all of these people

are different, there are things they all share, and we can call them a “nation”. Every generation is responsible for a very important period in the life. Our grandparents fought against fascists in the war, our parents restored our Motherland, and nowadays generation is responsible for building a prosperous country with its language, traditions, customs and people. It must be a country of a man and for a man! We must “Ask not what our country can do for us-ask what we can do for our country...” as President John F. Kennedy says.

And again we are thinking: Where will be better: in Russia or in the Europe? The answer is very simple- we must stay here, in Ukraine, and become ourselves. Become Ukrainians in Ukraine! Limit the foreign influence and develops our one. Not prime? Yes. But must begin.