

50 JOBS IN 50 WEEKS

Could you introduce yourself to our public?

My name is Daniel Seddiqui. I am from California and I graduated from the University of Southern California with a degree in Economics 2005.

50 jobs in 50 weeks. Where did you get the idea?

Don't leave out the most important, 50 states. I was having a difficult time finding a full-time job offer after college graduation. I had been rejected 40+ times in a row by prospective employers. I decided to try volunteering to get my foot in the door, but still nothing. I had lived in 6 states and then I was curious about all of them, so I found 50 jobs that depict the culture and economy of each state.

How did you manage to find these jobs? Was it easy? How long between one job and another? Did you work every single week since the beginning?

Yea, I didn't have a break. I drove to my next job on the weekend and typically worked Monday through Friday. This project was near impossible. It probably would be impossible for someone else who had absolutely no money, no car, no insurance, no home, no food. It was very difficult for me to find everyone of them. I could not do this again. Too difficult. I found most of them by Google search and then cold calling.

Why just one week? Don't you think it needs more time to become a skilled worker?

I learn quickly, you can even ask all my employers. Initially, I thought I wasn't going to have money to pay for hotels for a year, so I wanted to do it for a week, but I found kind and generous families in each state to host me in their homes.

What did you expect to find?

I wanted to experience peoples' lives in America. I found interesting people, places, and jobs. These were all things I was unaware living in California, my bubble.

What surprised you most?

I couldn't believe that strangers took me into their home. I lived with Amish, Arabs, Cowboys, Indians, Rednecks, Latinos, African-Americans, Jewish, and Hawaiians.

Do you have a job at present?

I am working on creating a college semester program, which will enable kids to find jobs that they are interested in pursuing before they enter into college.

What are your plans for the future?

I will be doing lectures and an author.



It is really difficult for young people to get a job in Italy. Do you have any advice for www.puntodivista.info's readers?

Persistence, risk-taking, adaptability, networking, and having endurance. That's what my book is about, using those 5 actions to help you land a job.

Thank you!

Thank you very much.

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