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Dave Viewing Guide

1. From the values categories list on pages 36-37 of *Career Choices*, choose Dave's top two values.

Helping Others

Personal Integrity and Moral Courage

2. Did President Mitchell share Dave's values?

No.

Examples

Personal integrity and moral courage – President Mitchell cheated on his wife. As we find out later in the movies, he was also involved in illegal activities.

3. From the same values list, choose Bob Alexander's top two values.

Power

Recognition

4. Which of Dave's values did Bob Alexander and Alan Reed play on to get him to agree to their plan?

Helping Others

Cite proof of your claim – When Dave asks them if it's legal for him to impersonate the President, Alan asks if Dave would run a red light if his mother needed to get to the hospital. Dave would. Alan and Bob hit him with the line "Now, imagine America is in the car. ... The country is sick, and you're going to get her to the hospital."

5. What was First Lady Ellen Mitchell willing to sacrifice to support her husband's career?

A life

Children

Tolerates husband's philandering

Privacy

What was the reward she expected?

A chance to help people.

6. What did Dave sacrifice to “play” President?

Privacy

His life

Permanent job for a “temp” job

What was his reward?

“I liked saving that shelter. I liked helping people I hadn’t even met before. And just then I felt like I wasn’t pretending anymore.”

7. Create a list of transferable skills (*Career Choices*, p. 246) that Dave took from running his own temp agency to being President. Cite examples for each skill of how Dave would use it in his own business and how he used it as President.

(Because we don’t see a lot of Dave running his own business, you might need to surmise a bit.)

Skill	Owning Temp Agency	President
<i>Decision Making/Prioritizing Needs</i>	<i>Who to place in what jobs</i>	<i>Murray sees a lot of ways to save money in the budget, but Dave is the one who weighs the options and prioritizes the needs</i>
<i>Goal Setting</i>	<i>“Today’s Wednesday, and everyone works on Wednesday.”</i>	<i>Sets his sights on saving shelters. Proposes finding jobs for anyone willing to work.</i>
<i>Teamwork</i>	<i>Goes to Murray (and probably other local business people) to work on finding jobs for local residents.</i>	<i>Brings in an expert (Murray) when he needs help on the budget.</i>
<i>Persuasion</i>	<i>Persuades Murray to hire the lady that needs a job.</i>	<i>Persuades cabinet members to make cuts in unnecessary/low-priority spending.</i>
<i>Problem Solving</i>	<i>Lady needs work but can’t operate WANG, only IBM</i>	<i>Needs to cut \$650 million from budget to keep funding for shelters</i>