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This is it the big day. Are you all set for the big time? We're going prime time with the interview you have worked so hard to get. You have done all of your homework on the company. You have practiced answering those all important questions. You feel good and think ready to go. But, are you? Have you covered all of the bases? What about the personal grooming aspects of the job hunt?

Do you know what turns off prospective interviewers? I know some of this stuff might seem obvious to some of you but . . . dah. The little things add up too.



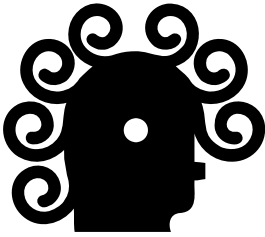
I'm sure your mother and your teachers told you that neatness counts but other physical trappings could sway the decision for or against you. Besides the obvious: clean body, hair and fingernails, plan an appropriate wardrobe and accessorize suitably.

How do you look the part?

- Carry a briefcase, folder, attaché or whatever you use to hold your important papers. Scratch the backpack, fanny pack or any other non professional gear carriers. They don't fit the bill.
- Remove body piercings and cover any visible tattoos.
- Forget mini or micro skirts, tee shirts and other unprofessional attire.

- Wear the right shoes. No flip-flops or super high heels.
- If you are wearing a new suit, try it out beforehand. Nothing is worse than fidgeting trying to focus while someone is fidgeting with ill fitting or uncomfortable clothing. Make sure to remove all of the tags.
- Eliminate distracting fashion statements such as overlong, ornate fingernails and exotic hair dos.
- Tone down the perfume or cologne.
- Use subtle, not outlandish makeup - save that for the new job celebration.

**Preplan** - Think about what you stare at when you see someone dressed garishly or with crazy makeup and hair. That's what you want to avoid for a job interview. You want the interviewer to concentrate on you and what you have to say not what you are wearing or what you look like.



So, when you go prime time for the big job interview don't be a dork or a diva. Dress the part and present yourself as a professional person who's looking for a job.

Best Regards,

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