

Interview *focus*

Helping you Achieve your Preparation Goals

The **Legacy Group Pageant Consulting** Interview Focus Newsletter is designed to specifically assist our clients participating in interview preparation but is beneficial to any contestant.

Our weekly updates include the most important news events and related stories so that you learn to build your depth of knowledge around the “right” current events and stop wasting valuable time studying facts and issues that will never find their way into the interview room.

In addition, we also focus on one key social issue in each newsletter to help you understand the pros and cons and help you better decide where you stand on each issue. Once you know where you stand you can better defend your viewpoint in the interview process.

As a bonus there are extra interview questions on each week’s social issue and “get to know you” questions as well as a “tip of the week”. When you’re prepared properly, you’ll never be nervous walking into an interview again! Enjoy!

~Michelle & Jessica

FOCUSING ON COMPLETE
PREPARATION AND A
BETTER WAY TO REACH
YOUR GOALS,
DEVELOPING THE
INDIVIDUAL FIRST.

PAGEANT WATCH

Miss America 1985, Sharlene Wells, has been appointed by the Secretary of Defense to the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. The committee is composed of civilian women and men to provide advice and recommendations on matters and policies relating to the recruitment and retention, employment, integration and overall welfare of highly qualified professional women in the Armed Forces. Sharlene is president of Remember My Services Military Productions. Legacy Group congratulates Sharlene on this achievement!

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1. 26 year old American aid worker Kayla Mueller was confirmed dead this week. She was being held hostage by ISIS. Some argue that because of the attention received by the media after the kidnappings and death of those captured by ISIS, Americans may be in more danger than before of being kidnapped as they are “high value targets” making the organization “relevant”. How do we as Americans stop the threat of ISIS? If you were traveling abroad, would you be worried about your safety?
[U.S News](#)
2. Bryn Mawr college, a prominent all-women’s college in Pennsylvania clarified its admission policy on Monday to accept transwomen and individuals “who identify as women”. What do you think about this new admission policy? How would you feel if you were a student attending the college? Are we going too far these days to put labels on people and classify their gender/sexuality?
[Washington Free Beacon](#)
3. Bobbi Kristina Brown, Whitney Houston and Bobby Brown’s remains on life support this week and has been in a coma for the past two weeks after she was found unresponsive in a bathtub at her home. Allegations claim that her coma may be the result of substance abuse or overdose. How prevalent do you think drug and alcohol abuse are in this country? How do we get young people to understand the dangers of using drugs?
[People](#)
4. Alabama became the 37th state to allow gay marriage this week; however, at least 51 of the 67 counties in Alabama were not issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples on Monday, in defiance of a federal ruling to do so. Alabama’s Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, Roy Moore, ordered those counties to refuse to issue the same sex marriage licenses, despite the federal ruling to allow the marriages. The Governor and the Chief Justice both have said that they would let the matter rest once the U.S. Supreme Court decides the issue once and for all, which it is expected to do later this year.
[ABC News](#)
5. NASA has just released an alternate reality game called DUST in order to encourage teens, especially young women and minorities, to get excited about STEM. In the game, adults fall unconscious because of a mysterious dust from a meteor shower. It is up to the players/students, to save the world by the end of seven weeks of play. It’s up to the students to move the story along and do problem solving using the scientific method and critical thinking skills. Everyone seems to be promoting STEM education these days and this interactive video game is just one in an almost daily stream of tactics. What do you believe is the best way to promote STEM education? Are we focusing so much on STEM that we’re forgetting our other core subjects? Will increased funding for STEM education potentially cut the arts from school curriculums? How do we prevent a lopsided education?
[Falling Dust](#)

Social Issue of the Week:

Should the United States Continue Its Use of Drone Strikes Abroad?



Federal Aviation Administration chief Michael Huerta unveiled long-awaited regulations on commercial drones Sunday (2/15), saying the government would not allow flights of commercial drones outside the sight of an operator, at least for now. For safety reasons, unmanned aircraft also will not be allowed near crowds. So Amazon's big idea of deliveries via drones will have to go on the back burner for now. However, since they will be allowed within the sight of the operator expect some businesses, like bridge inspectors and the like, to take up potential use of drones to increase the safety of their employees.

The most common use of drone technology today is the military use of "attack drones". Their use has always be controversial and we define the two sides of the issue below.

Proponents of the use of military drones say that drones have decimated terrorist networks abroad via precise strikes with minimal civilian casualties. They contend that drones are relatively inexpensive weapons, are used under proper government oversight, and that their use helps prevent "boots on the ground" combat and makes America safer.

Opponents of the use of military drones say that drone strikes create more terrorists than they kill. They contend that drone strikes kill large numbers of civilians, violate international law, lack sufficient congressional oversight, violate the sovereignty of other nations, and make the horrors of war appear as innocuous as a video game.

More information regarding the use of drones can be found at <http://drones.procon.org/>

Tip of the Week

Interview questions seem a little basic and low gain? Amp up your interview by adding additional content, personal experiences, or tying in your platform, where appropriate, in your answers. Control your interview!

Get To Know You Questions

1. To what extent do you use social media?
2. Do you consider yourself a Brand?
3. Rate your manners on a scale of 1 to 10.
4. Do you write in a journal or blog? What's the benefit?
5. What percentage of your phone apps help you verses waste your time?

Social Issue Questions

1. If you saw a non-military drone flying over your neighborhood, how would that make you feel?
2. Do you think commercial delivery drones like the proposed Amazon Air are really necessary or just a product of our society's need for instant gratification?
3. Would you rather the U.S. create a targeted drone strike rather than assemble ground or air troops?
4. Do you think drones create a more effective and efficient use of our defense dollars?
5. Can technology be trusted to carry out such important missions even while being operated remotely?