

***Some people think that employers should not care about the way their employees dress, because what matters is the quality of their work. To what extent do you agree or disagree?***

People have different views about the workplaces' dress codes. Whereas, to a certain extent, I agree that in some organizations and professions people should be free to choose their apparel because they are expected to excel in their assigned tasks, I also think that, in some jobs, following a specific dress code should be mandatory.

On the one hand, in some professions and companies, imposing any rules regarding how employees dress seems both irrelevant and unnecessary. For example, in successful technology companies such as Google, in which people's job ordinarily does not involve any face to face interaction between third-party businesses or attending official meetings, not only do owners not have to care about people's appearance, but also casual looks should be hugely promoted. Sitting most of their working day at a desk and in front of computers, employees are more likely to feel comfortable, thereby producing more work. Moreover, ~~it~~ this creates a more friendly environment. Being in these relaxed workplaces, people would communicate with each other and bond more easily, which results in a more satisfying work atmosphere, hence superior efficacy which the company intends to achieve.

On the other hand, following an appropriate dress code is important for some jobs. Firstly, for people who are supposed to participate in official meetings and summits are it is crucial to wear either suits or any globally prestigious clothes specific to their country or culture. Taking part in official events, participants have to look professional and ~~portrait~~ portray a publicly acceptable image. For politicians, for instance, it is not acceptable to wear casually when meeting with their counterparts in international conferences. Secondly, in many cases it is not safe to wear normal clothes in a workplace. Many blue-collar workers are normally exposed to dangerous accidents while working with machines, and they would even risk their lives unless they wore special clothes designed for maximum safety. Finally, workers in many sectors, need to be recognized; for instance, whoever works in health centers, especially doctors and nurses, should wear white uniforms, which make them distinguishable by patients and other staffs.

In conclusion, I agree that in some sectors we should not place too strict a constraint on people regarding their looks, for their work value is more important, yet I think for some professions the compulsory dress code has been of great benefit to these companies and people who are using their services.