

PLSI WORKSHOP SERIES

WHAT TO DO WITH A B.A. IN POLITICAL SCIENCE?

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THE BASICS

- Government work
 - Law School
 - Grad School
 - Private sector
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- What to plan for now

GOVERNMENT WORK



- Work in any governmental agency or level
- Related to general governance or administration of services



LAW SCHOOL



- Pursue judicial education
- Practice law, or use a law degree to work in the law
- Agencies across sectors, govt and private



GRAD SCHOOL



- Pursue an intellectual or research focus
- MAs: helpful for teaching at the community level
- Terminal or professional degrees, like an MPA or MSW are good extensions and often required for some agencies

PRIVATE SECTOR



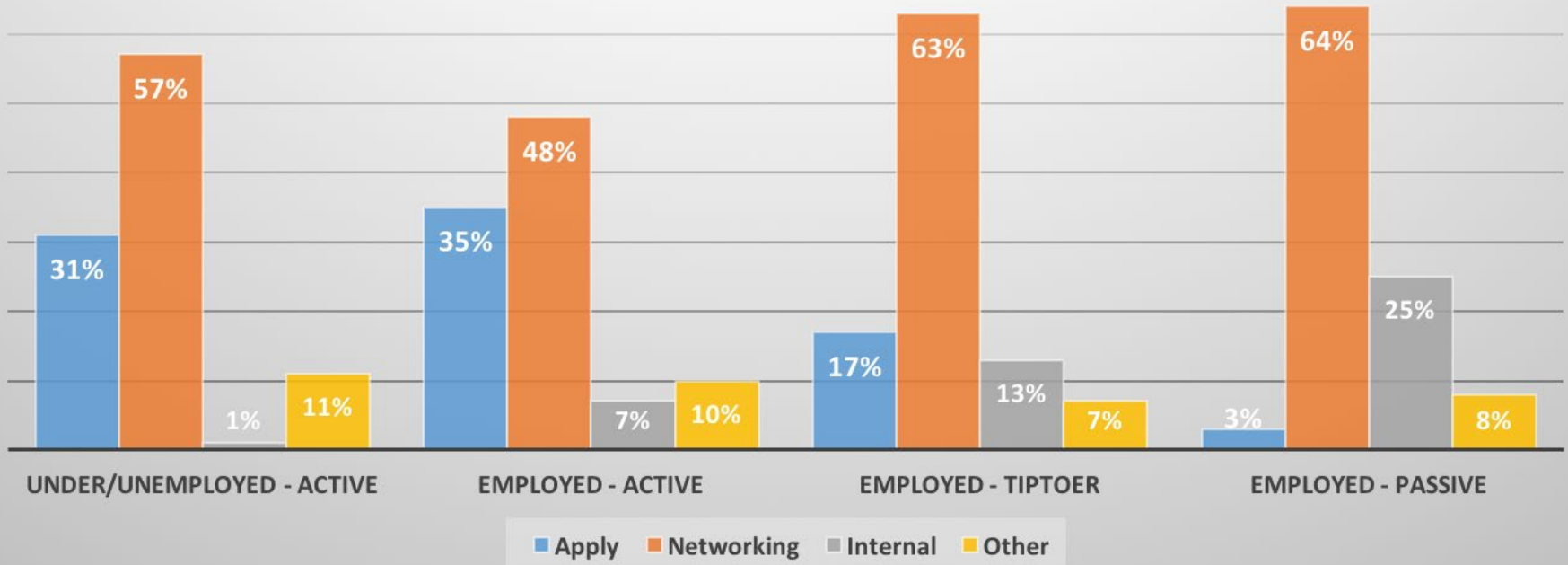
- Tap into the various legal, policy or marketing departments in private industries
- Non-profits and non-governmental agencies are also opportunities



"The Mob's not so bad [search ID chances](#), but you have to watch out for the community organizers."



How People Get Jobs



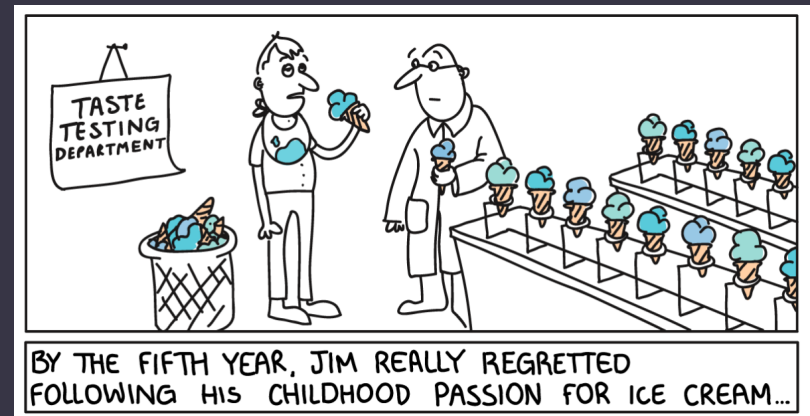
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HOW TO PLAN AHEAD

- Passion: pick your interest, or group of interests
 - Topic
 - Principle
 - Belief
- Patience: you got to put in the work
 - Network
 - Experience
 - Long view (multi-step)
- Practicality
 - Skill development
 - Experiential learning
 - Networking and connections
 - Resume help and interviewing practice



QUESTIONS?

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