



Older Workers Share Views on Gig Economy in Retirement

Description

Stu Goldberg, a 74-year-old man from New York, is driving for Uber at night. Before he begins, he checks his notes. They have important reminders like “no tickets” and “watch for pedestrians and bikes.”

Goldberg has a Ph.D. in neuropsychology. He ran his own business for many years. After retiring, he found he needed more money. So now he drives people around New York City. He enjoys it because he likes meeting new people and having conversations.

Many retirees like Goldberg are going back to work. They need extra money because of high living costs and low savings for retirement. Some find jobs through apps where they can choose their own hours. This kind of work is called gig work.

Carly Roszkowski from AARP says people are living longer. This means they often need to work longer. Not everyone can afford to stop working completely. Gig jobs can give people the chance to earn and stay active, but they also come with problems like low pay and few job protections.

Vocabulary List:

1. **pedestrians** //pə'dɛstrɪənz// (noun): people who are walking on the street
2. **retirees** //rɪ'taɪrɪz// (noun): people who have stopped working because of age
3. **savings** //ˈseɪvɪŋz// (noun): money kept for future use or emergencies
4. **afford** //ə'fɔrd// (verb): have enough money to pay for something
5. **gig** //gɪg// (noun): a short, flexible job done for pay
6. **protections** //prə'tɛkʃənz// (noun): rules or benefits that keep workers safe

Comprehension Questions

Multiple Choice

1. What age is Stu Goldberg?

Option: 60

Option: 65

Option: 74



Option: 80

2. What is Stu Goldberg's profession?

- Option: Uber driver
- Option: Teacher
- Option: Doctor
- Option: Engineer

3. What degree does Stu Goldberg hold?

- Option: Ph.D. in neuropsychology
- Option: MBA
- Option: B.Sc. in psychology
- Option: M.A. in education

4. What does Carly Roszkowski work for?

- Option: AARP
- Option: Uber
- Option: The government
- Option: A university

5. What is one reason retirees like Goldberg are going back to work?

- Option: Personal fulfillment
- Option: To meet new people
- Option: High living costs
- Option: To get a promotion

6. What type of work allows people to choose their own hours?

- Option: Full-time jobs
- Option: Part-time jobs
- Option: Gig work
- Option: Internships

True-False

7. Stu Goldberg is a full-time employee at Uber.

8. Many retirees are finding gig work appealing.



9. Carly Roszkowski believes people should work less as they age.

10. Low pay is one of the issues associated with gig jobs.

11. Stu Goldberg has never run his own business.

12. The notes that Goldberg checks before driving have reminders.

Gap-Fill

13. Stu Goldberg is _____ years old.

14. Goldberg has a Ph.D. in _____.

15. Many retirees are going back to work because of high living _____.

16. Carly Roszkowski works for _____.

17. Gig work allows people to _____ their own hours.

18. Goldberg enjoys driving because he likes meeting new _____.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. 74 2. Uber driver 3. Ph.D. in neuropsychology 4. AARP 5. High living costs 6. Gig work

True-False: 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

Gap-Fill: 13. 74 14. neuropsychology 15. costs 16. AARP 17. choose 18. people

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