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Dear Epoch VIP,

Not too long ago, I was only a subscriber of The Epoch Times—just like you—while working as a programmer at ESPN.

It was April 2019 when the Mueller testimony was unfolding; the broadcast was playing in the background while I was at work. I remember being frustrated with how few questions were answered during the hearing, and out of curiosity, I checked to see how different news organizations were covering this (rather uneventful) event.

The headlines shocked me, to say the least. If you hadn't watched the event yourself and only read these articles, you would have thought the president was about to be impeached for obstruction of justice! I started to question why journalists thought it was acceptable to spin a story a certain way: did they expect most Americans to not have watched the hearing and just take whatever they said as the ultimate truth?

I then pulled up articles from The Epoch Times to see how they covered the story, and when I read the headlines, I thought: "Wow, if I were to summarize to a friend who's apolitical what happened in the Mueller testimony, this is exactly how I would explain it." To me, that's simply what a newspaper is supposed to do: Provide an accurate account of events so that a reader can be properly informed. I believe that to be able to summarize events as if you're talking to a friend is a sign of respect to the reader, and is a bit of a lost art today.

Though my job at ESPN was comfortable and taught me the ins-and-outs of being a professional developer, it was at that moment when I knew that I had to join The Epoch Times. My parents, both Chinese immigrants, often tell me how lucky I am to have grown up in a free country that celebrates free thought and speech. And now I understand, more than ever, that a truthful media is a key pillar for such a society. Without the basic foundation of Truth, you lose the sacred bond of trust that should be maintained between the press and the reader.

I read somewhere that a "dream job" consists of three elements: your passions, your skills, and your values. Coming to work at The Epoch Times has felt like coming home, to a place where my values align with my work, to a place where I can use my skills to help further grow the company, and to a place where I feel the work itself resonates with my own sense of right and wrong.

As a reader, I hope you can also appreciate the factual reporting that our journalists strive to deliver every day. I'm constantly in awe of the work our editorial staff does, and it's been an absolute honor to work alongside people whom I had only previously admired from the sidelines.

Thank you again for being here with us!

In Truth and Tradition,

Karen Cheng
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