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Introduction

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average family physician makes \$207,000 a year, the highest paid doctors currently, orthopedists earn around \$443,000 a year. The average salary of full-professors at public institutions is approximately \$127,000. According to Brian Warner of celebritynetworth.com, Barack Obama's total income was \$481,098 in 2013. And now compare it with a new two-year contract of LeBron James with the Cleveland Cavaliers worth \$42.1 million. The message is simple as it is: due to the amount of salary the performance of star basketball player is 40 times harder than running a whole country in money equivalent. Professional athletes are way overpaid in a society where salaries and wages are traditionally based on the value of one's work. It is clear, that athletes should be paid according to the importance of their work and role they play in society.

There are professions that are more important for the society but get lesser paid

Let's take teaching – future of the country depends on the proper education of the youth, inference should be drawn that teaching is one of crucial jobs today. However, one kick of the ball made by professional football player is worth more than average classroom teacher's yearly salary. All people whose profession is connected with saving lives and risk of their own lives get paid no more than a tenth of an annual salary of the sportsmen.

It's a pity that none of the heroes who lay down their lives in the name of the country are given the same recognition by society as sport stars are given.

Athletes do not exonerate their position of being role models

On the one hand, making into the position of a leading player in a professional team of sports require loads of talent, work and dedication to the sports – no one can controvert that. However, after getting ridiculously overpaid job, sport stars do nothing more than entertaining. They do not prove to the society that they can serve as positive role models for future athletes and their admirers. If a person earns amount of money equal to the budget of a small country, he cannot cheat, take steroids or lead a riotous life and unfortunately almost all popular sportsmen are noticed in at least one of these accidents.

The impact the athletes have on others is short-term

Some may say that sportsmen deserve such salaries because they impact millions of people at once doing their job and that cannot be said about teachers or doctors. However, no matter how many people teachers and doctors affect – the effect of their work lasts for ages unlike influence of a sportsmen that ends soon after the end of match.

Conclusion

Despite the fact that athletes spend most of their time training to get the physical form they need, a person's physical condition should not determine their earnings. The whole system that allows sport stars to spend with a free hand is completely wrong, and it needs to stop.