WFH or In Office - Considering Opportunity Costs (1.5)

A viral TikTok trend asks: "Would you rather work from home earning $120,000 or work in an office earning $240,000?" In economics, the "best" choice depends on a person's values, constraints, benefits, and costs. You will use cost-benefit analysis to decide which option is most rational for your assigned profile.

***Profile Name**: _____ + Values _____*

Step 1: Identify Why This Person Values Most

*Rank these from **1 (most important) to 4 (least important)** for your profile:*

☐ *Income ___*

☐ *Flexibility ____*

☐ *Career growth _____*

☐ *Work-life balance _____*

Justify the reason for your rankings here:

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Step 2: Cost-Benefit Analysis: List both monetary (explicit) and non-monetary (implicit) costs and benefits for each option.

Option	Benefits	Costs
Work from Home $120K	Monetary/Explicit: Non-monetary/Implicit:	Monetary/Explicit: Non-monetary/Implicit:
Work in Office $240K	Monetary/Explicit: Non-monetary/Implicit:	Monetary/Explicit: Non-monetary/Implicit:

Step 3: Compare the benefits:

Which benefit is **larger for this person**:

- ☐ the additional income from the office job
- ☐ the flexibility/time gained from remote work?

Explain why this benefit matters more given the profile's values and constraints.

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Step 4: Opportunity Cost: Every choice involves giving something up.

What did you give up by making this choice (your opportunity cost)?

The opportunity cost of choosing _____ is _____, because _____ is the next best alternative for this person.

Step 5: Economic Reasoning:

Why is this choice **rational for your profile**, based on costs and benefits?

Step 6: Personal Reflection

Would you make the same choice?

What difference in values or constraints explains why your answer may be different from your profile's decision?