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**thereby** = because of that

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## SAMPLE SENTENCES:

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- Elton John's refusal to follow **convention** is best seen in his unusual clothing.
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*A Union of Professionals*

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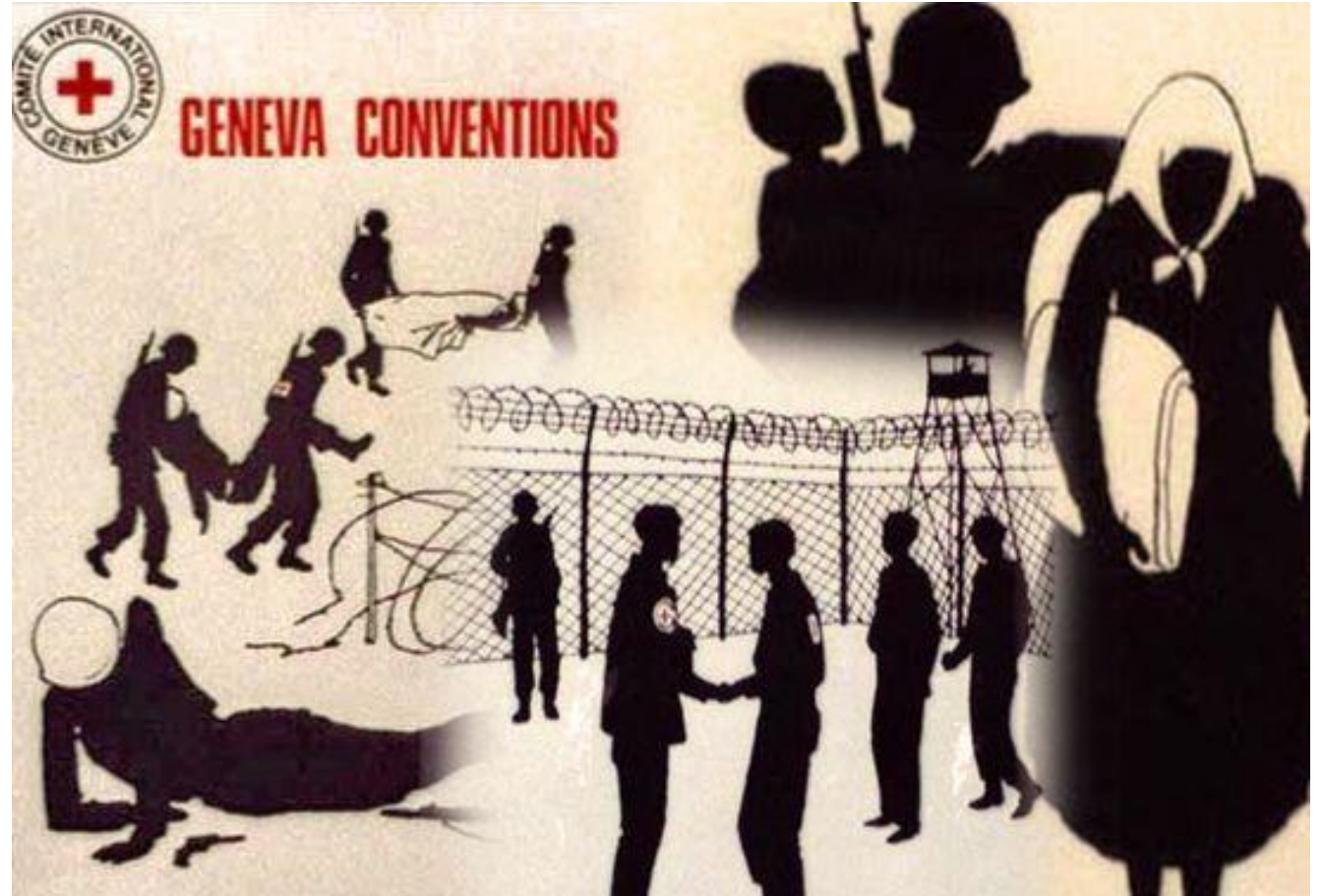
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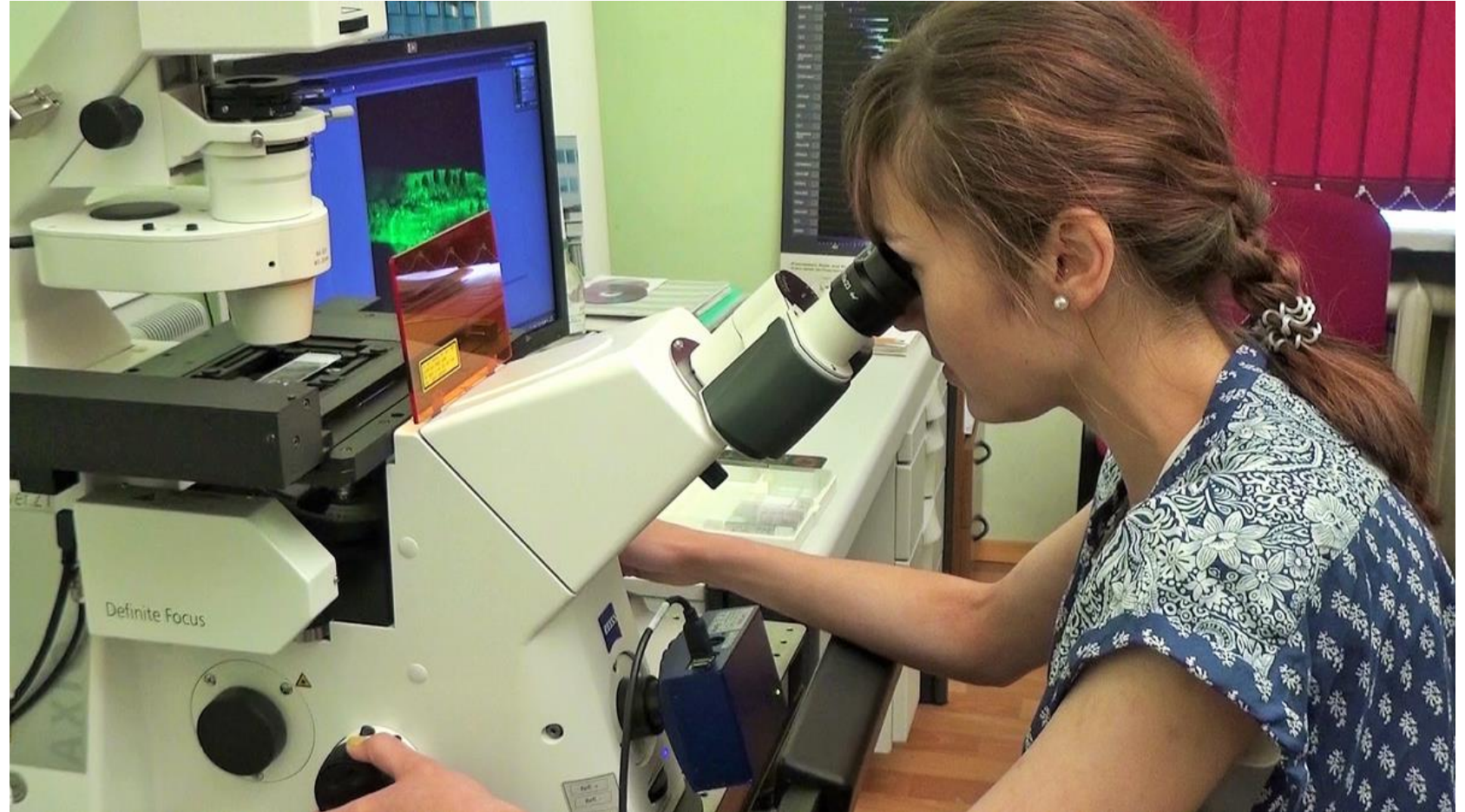
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## SENTENCES

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- Doctors have traditionally enjoyed high social **status**.
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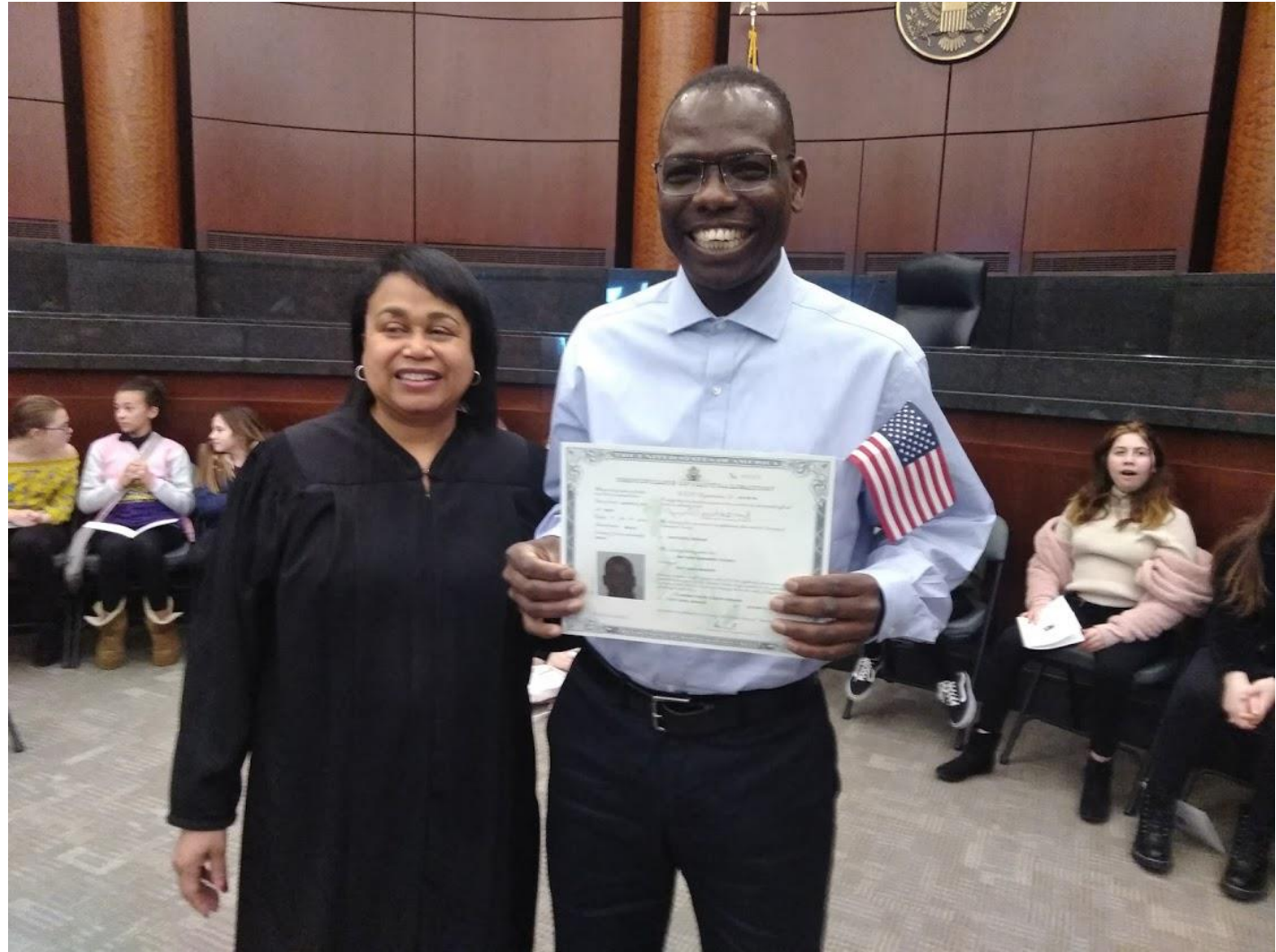
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