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“Contemporary, Hard Work, and Perseverance”

Is it really a low income poor issue, get rich and remain wealthy, hard work, perseverance approach here in America? “Death of Horatio Anger” by Paul Krugman argues rising inequality and immobility in America. Low wage jobs declined due to “government advantages; healthcare no longer available to the poor; higher education also had a huge cutback” (pg.64).

It appears here that the high caste system “the have and have nots” (pg.64) motto was in place to further prevent the poor from climbing the ladder gaining better future financial stability. Between “farmers, shoekkeepers, and entrepreneurs, Rockefellers, Carnegies, DuPonts,” the way of life was built from low to middle ranks to top (pg. 64).

Some may think they can get rich quick because others may have; but it’s not the truth of the matter. Although individuals may be born into wealth does not apply to someone who may be living in a lower income classification. You could either be “driven or lazy, (pg.65) different household sizes, financial income play vital roles. In addition, “education and experience” (pg. 65) weigh in higher paid jobs. The only downfall towards inequality is if America's caste society becomes broken. “By Our Own Bootstraps' ' by W. Michael Cox and Richard Alm argues that there is no prevention of opportunity. Taking the opportunity to work hard and persevere can be

done either rich or poor. It is up to one's mindset as to what, where, why, and how you wish to succeed. However, it is very much a discipline that we all need to embed to further gain potential opportunities. We can either sit and wave the opportunity goodbye or utilize it to our advantage.

Krugman further stresses “income gaps and tax reduction and Great Compression” (pg.62, 64). Meanwhile, Thomas Piketty and Emmanuel Saez gather a wealth of information regarding high pay wages to the “wealthy and bottom pay fell dramatically to American taxpayers” (pg.63). It further went into boys, men, and fathers compared to substantial fluctuation in mobility, “social and economic status” (pg.63). If the economy does not fall, jobs remain consistent. This is an additional “opportunity to grow and prosper” (pg. 66) both professionally and financially.

Making it in present-day America if he or she is willing to work hard and keep at it is not impossible at all. Instead, many today wish to have things handed over so relatively at their request. “Long Live the American Dream” by Shikha Dalmia India and China “infrastructure framework of organization is available to America. India and China compliment the economy of America “vast intangible wealth” (pg.67). Here is an example of an unfortunate prospect, India then goes on to say their “countries won’t be able to actualize human potential; Americans can do this” (pg. 69). Americans have a great social system. With that being said, if America lacked “schools and homeschooling” we have government assistance available (pg.67). India and China do not have the same unfortunately. Shikha Dalmia implied “unless more Indian and Chinese kids get access to education” (pg. 69) they would not be able to reach the knowledge potential as Americans.

Countries such as India and China are an illustration of how we as Americans should be grateful for living the American Dream. Not everyone has the same opportunities. We have great educators, schools, and colleges. Our economy is steady with the finances needed to provide help to those who may not have the actual means to further their higher education. The tools are accessible. The American Dream is still alive and equal in America. Anyone in America can attain freedom of movement success if they choose to. Americans are an enterprise of entrepreneurs.

Whether being from a low income poor, get rich and remain wealthy, hard work, perseverance society if you wish to move up the ladder you have to work each step to your best capability and keep climbing that height of experience. This can only happen through education, learning, much wisdom, and knowledge. Nothing ever will come that easy. It takes getting your hands dirty for the job.

Although, I do not view it from a financial view only. We have financial aid assistance for those that do not have enough to pay for college. Jobs are readily available based on your experience. These are great valued assets and available to our advantage in America. Furthermore, other societies such as India and China are at a disadvantage.

One question used quite frequently in my past was “where do I want to be in five years from now?” However, I never thought much of it until I was in a dry place. Further finding myself drowning in my own lazy work. However, no longer do I have that mindset. Why? Opportunity is all around me and has been. Learning and being educated is so important.

Moreover, not having doubt or fear of what you are called to be is also highly significant. Fear only defeats victory. Let victory be your mark.

Being strong, determined, and knowing you can be the best at anything you put your heart into; which in return brings about great blessings. With educators, schools, colleges, and a great economy, The American Dream does still lives on and is available to anyone who wants the opportunity. We do have a great caste system. America has so much to offer whether poor, middle, and high rank. America is living the American dream.

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