

U.S Government Keeping American Dream Alive

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For many decades, it has been a constant debate for many people as many believe that the United States government does or does not have an obligation to keep the American Dream alive for those who are living in low income or social classes. While many have contrasting and even controversial thoughts and comments regarding this topic, I believe that the United States government should be obligated to keep the American Dream alive for those who are living in low income and social classes. While I have many different reasons for why I believe the U.S government should keep the American Dream alive, the main factor is that I believe that everyone should be able to have the same opportunity to make something out of themselves. If many people come to the United States to obtain that American Dream, then it should be maintained for everyone regardless of social class ranking, race, religion, gender and sexual orientation.

The American Dream can be defined as equality of opportunity available to any American, which allows the individual to accomplish their goals and aspirations. It can also be defined as the belief that anyone, regardless of where they were born or what class they were born into, can attain their own version of success in a society in which upward mobility is possible for everyone. For the people who are in low income classes, it is often difficult for them to accomplish their own goals and dreams due to the fact that they don't have the resources or connections as many other people in higher classes have. And probably many people who are in lower income classes have fought for their right to achieve their own American Dream but don't have the resources for them to fully achieve it. According to the textbook, it states, "Low income makes their lives insecure and difficult. [...] Society residentially segregates the lower class, especially when the poor are racial or ethnic minorities." (Macionis 2016) This shows that the low income class is heavily set apart from the rest of society due to their social status. It brings

the idea of inequality to the picture because if we live in America, which has often been said to be a state of equality and of opportunity, then why society has segregated and neglected those in the lower income classes. This also somewhat proves why the U.S government should keep the American Dream alive because the people in low income classes need all the help they can get to make a living and due to them being segregated in society heavily shows that they need all of the support they can get.

Another reason why the government should keep the American Dream alive for those in low income classes is because now many are questioning if the American Dream is still a reality, and it shouldn't be questioned. It's being questioned due to the many negative factors that are now trendings. According to the textbook, it states, "At the same time, the expansion of our service economy means more of today's jobs- in fast food restaurants or large discount stores- offer relatively low wages." (Macionis 2016) The reason why I used this is because people in low income families are already trying hard enough to provide for their families. And for them to be paid a low wage for working is difficult for them to support their families, which is why the government should keep the American Dream alive and even help those who need the help.

It can be absolutely infuriating for anyone in the lower income class to accomplish their dreams. Even if they don't have the full support or amount of resources, the main thing they have to do is work extremely hard. While everyone in this world works harder, those in low income classes work double or triple the amount. And not to mention many of those in the lower income classes are African American and Latinos, which makes them work even more harder to overcome the stereotypes and barriers. According to the article "American Dream Definition: Can You Achieve It?" says, "As income inequality has increased substantially since the 1970s, the American dream has begun to seem less attainable for those who aren't already affluent or

born into affluence.” This shows that as the rates of income inequality have increased for several decades, many individuals aren’t able to obtain their American Dream, which makes it more reason for the government to be obligated to keep that American Dream alive. As a descendant from Ecuador, I saw how my parents worked extremely hard once they had my older sister and I. They often struggled financially because they had to provide shelter, food on the table, clothes and other necessities for my sister and I, since we didn’t have the government's help. My mother made it important for me to understand that obtaining an education and becoming someone in this world was extremely important. She stressed the importances of going to school, for she didn’t want me to struggle and suffer the same way her and my father did. She made it clear to me that being a Latino in this world is extremely difficult due to the stereotypes and barriers, but if I work hard enough and put passion into my education and career path, it’s a foot in to building a successful life for myself.

Overall, the U.S government should be obligated to keep the American Dream alive for those in low income classes. After listing some resources and a personal example, if we are in America there should be equal opporiniunity for us to accomplish and achieve our dreams without facing any discrimination towards race, gender, social status ranking, religion and etc. For we all are trying to achieve our dreams in this world, and we do not need to be discouraged. We already face the different stereotypes and barriers and the heavy oppression in this world by simply expressing our aspirations in this world. And it is important for everyone to know, regardless of social class rankings, that they can also achieve their dreams. They might have to work double the amount in order to have a taste or feel of success, but it’s not impossible. Which is why the government should be obligated to keep the American Dream alive.

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