

The evolution of The American Dream

Is the American Dream still alive and accessible to immigrants in this day of age? I believe the American Dream has evolved tremendously over time but still alive to this day. “The road to success is not easy to navigate, but with hard work, drive and passion, it's possible to achieve the American Dream”-Tommy Hilfiger.

The American Dream has become more challenging to achieve over time. I believe the American Dream is to migrate to America so you can provide yourself and family a brighter future which includes giving your children a great education and to be able to enjoy what our country has to offer to us.

There are many challenges that interfere with the American Dream including financial struggles, not stepping out of your comfort zone because you are afraid to fail, and past generations looking down upon the new generation and telling us we are corrupting our country. That is why I believe the American Dream is not accessible to all.

Many Americans struggle to accomplish the American dream because they have terrible financial problems. In David Wallechinsky text he states “In the survey, nearly 83% say that there is not much left to save after they've paid their bills.” This is one of the major problems that half of the American citizens in this country are facing today. How are families going to save money to pay for their children's college funds; without leftover money you will not be able to save money for retirement which will give you more problems to face later in life. In Wallechinsky text he asked middle class citizens to take a survey about their financial problems. Cherie says that “It used to be that if you stayed with your job, you would be rewarded.” In our country today there is no money leftover to reward employees to give them a bonus or a raise.

Another example that interferes with accomplishing the American dream is not stepping out of your comfort zone because you are afraid to fail. In William Zinsser text he says “Don’t be afraid to fail! Failure isn’t fatal. Countless people have had a bout with it and come out stronger as a result. Many have even become famous.” Our generation today is afraid to take a risk because they assume they will fail because the past generation doesn’t believe in our ideas. If they fail they imagine it will just put them behind everyone else when their idea might be incredible and put them ahead of everyone else and possibly make them famous.

Our past generations do not believe in our ideas because they think they’re not worthy enough to be explored. In William Zinsser text he says “ That our elders might say, that we are just plumb lazy, secure in the comforts of an affluent state.” I agree but also disagree with that quote. I agree with the past generations thoughts that we are lazy because that is very true. We want other people to do our work for us and aren’t determined to accomplish our goals on our own. But I strongly disagree because we have many hard working Americans in the new generation that are determined to accomplish their goals and will exceed those goals.

I strongly believe that the American Dream is more difficult to achieve than it used to be. Americans face financial struggles, not stepping out of your comfort zone because you are afraid to fail, and past generations looking down upon the new generation and telling us we are corrupting our country. Those main reasons interfere with accomplishing the American Dream. We need to reward our hardworking employees with bonuses and raises so they won’t worry about paying their next bill. We need to give our new generation more respect and let them free to explore their ideas and try to fulfill them to become successful.