

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT THE ALARMING GROWING TREND?

It is Spreading Like an Unchecked Disease

Oh how things have changed since I was a wee lad. When I was growing up it was a noble and honorable thing to work hard to meet one's own needs. We did not have government handouts or programs galore; we had to work hard both for what we wanted and what we needed. Today there is a disease called the Entitlement Mentality that is sweeping over the land. Today many are waiting for others to do for them instead of focusing on what they can do for themselves. It is becoming far too common for people to think that the world, or the government and even those that have attained a few things somehow owes them something! I am amazed at how many of those that 'do not have' believe those that those who do have and/or the government owes them everything. Yes, I mean everything, from a house (a nice one to be sure!), to food (and no, not from the food bank!), to money (for whatever gadgets, fashions, or technologies their little hearts desire at the moment) and the list goes on. And on, and on. You get the picture. And have you noticed how those that sit on their backsides doing nothing but playing on their phones blame their lack of everything on those that have attained something. After all, these hard done-by idlers claim that the fault actually lies with those who have made something of their lives. They have not and will not even remotely consider that the fault lies with themselves.

Now, just to be sure you don't get the wrong idea here, I am not at all against helping out those genuinely in need for I believe we have a moral obligation to help wherever it is possible. But the mentality that insists the government MUST help all those who are simply leaches on society, is wrong. They do not deserve everything handed to them on a silver platter when they will do nothing but demand that those who work must give and give to meet all their wants. This thinking is so very wrong!

Those destructive lying governments that claim we all must allow bogus refugees into our country using the tired old sales pitch, "Well, look at what immigrants in the past did to help build our country." Comparing them to what they are bringing in today is like comparing oranges to rotten apples. We all know that the major difference is - in the past the immigrants worked hard and did not expect handouts. They had to pay their own way; they left their past behind and embraced our values and customs. To be sure, they were thankful for the opportunity to work hard and grateful for a place to make their own way. Today we bring in those that demand we give them everything they want and if they don't get it right now, they play the 'poor me - pity party' game and then use the racist card if we question them. I submit that governments which bring in this type of person actually wants to keep them dependent on the government. Why? So that when elections come along, they will get their votes. Unfortunately, this will only further ruin our society.

It's the same in many work places. The employee who is lazy, unwilling to do their full share somehow feels they are entitled to a raise, and a bonus, even a promotion simply because they exist. Often people with this mentality get all bent out of shape when a hard worker who may have less seniority gets a raise or a promotion instead of them. A large segment of the population has bought into the thinking that others owe them, that its someone else's responsibility to take care of all of their needs, all their greeds, and all their wants - just because they want.

What ever happened to self-reliance? Where did the concept that hard work disappear to? And what about paying one's dues or even being a person who makes a difference? Don't they know that these old-fashioned concepts add to the value of one's self worth, and their workplace, even their community? Do they really think that it is better to be a life force that demands and takes and grasps without ever giving back or paying the price to earn what they have?

Every person is responsible for what they want in life. Not some stranger, not the community or corporation, and not the government. The entitlement mentality - this totally selfish thinking - this continual demanding that others owe you something is destroying our country, our families, our communities and well beyond.

One of the biggest catch phrases we hear today is the government needs to do something to help, the government needs to bail us out, the government needs to pay for this or take care of that. The government is responsible to meet my needs. The government in part is to blame as well. Instead of telling people to start to take responsibility for themselves they play all kinds of games further enabling many to grow further dependence on the government instead of themselves. The governments make all kind of unattainable promises that we know they cannot deliver. And even if they were able, they won't. They just promise it all just to get your vote.

If we want our country, our communities and ourselves to be prosperous, we need to shed the entitlement mentality. If we don't we will be in danger of seeing a bankrupt nation with no one able to help. Many of you don't want to hear these words but let each one of us do what it takes to start to empower ourselves. Let's stop looking for an easy way out or a quick fix to satisfy our own desires. Let's start to shed the thinking that it's up to someone else to fix our problems. Take charge of your life, your future today. Stop relying on others; start to lead the way so change can happen first with us - and then with others. What we as a country have been doing in many areas does not work. Albert Einstein said, insanity is "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

The truth of it is that you are a person with everything to offer your community, your country and the world. Yes, there are problems, lots of them, but there are also plenty of opportunities. There has to be a reason why some people are succeeding in the same environment where others are not. Why are some are making a difference? Why do some offer hope and some just keep demanding more and more? What's to stop you from succeeding? You need to realize that you have what it takes to make a difference in your life - and the lives of others. You have a life to live, it should be liberating - freeing. It should be full of promise and purpose. It should not be one of demands to get taken care of.

Grab hold of your life and use it to its fullest. The world owes you nothing - so don't gamble your life away with entitlement mentality. Seize your opportunities and make something you can be proud of - starting with yourself.

At least, that's the way I see it.

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