

The best way to measure someone's success is to look at how much money that person has. Do you agree or disagree with this statement?

What is success? This certainly is the very one question which has passed centuries to be answered, attracting numerous, if not all, philosophers to define what is to many the aim of life. In spite of a great deal of variation, success has been commonly believed to be determined by wealth; however, such a notion, albeit prevalent, seems to be not only immoral but superficial as there are other indicators such as wellbeing which can reflect the extent of a person or community success.

It is probably safe to say that in the public eye the amount of money a person makes is a key indicator of success. Wealth, in its broad sense, can make many dreams come true; dreams which are commonplace in different times and places. It seems that money is the deciding factor in political and social areas as it brings about power, credit, and respect; It will form your appearance, your possessions and even your family. This, whether based on our human instincts or cultural myths, stemming from media or flawed ideologies such as liberalism, is the hard reality which is widespread throughout the world, depending highly on what society chooses to value.

However, according to many studies, wealth usually fails to properly reflect success. This complex state, if possible, necessitates adopting a broader range of indicators and assessment criteria among which richness is only negligibly valuable. Wellbeing, for example, is proved to be a far more efficient means to define success. In regard to an individual or a community, wellbeing can create a wider range of criteria that are closely linked to factors such as health and happiness which can play a more significant role in reaching the state of success. Many of ~~an the~~ affluent people who, although are allegedly thriving legends, living in the lap of luxury, and having their ~~expiations-expectations~~ met, feel thirsty for happiness. Nonetheless, in a community where accumulating more wealth ~~is a value, and consume~~ this is not a big surprise.

To conclude, placing a great deal of value on money and believing in it as a trustworthy indicator to represent someone's success, ~~are is~~ a grave mistake albeit common, and a shift might be needed in our understanding of success since better ways ~~exist are~~ to define it. Nevertheless, freeing our mindsets from constantly chasing economic values alone is certainly a step in the right direction.