

Competitiveness is considered to be a positive quality among people.

How does competitiveness affect individuals?

Is competitiveness a positive or negative ~~qualities~~quality?

~~Either~~ Whether it is a sibling rivalry or a school contest, a presidential race or a sport match, in today's world, competition has become ubiquitous. The urge to compete in different times of life seems to have been instilled into our children; to be defined as losers or winners. Despite ~~its ostensible~~ ostensibly positive impacts ~~of~~, I am of the opinion that it mainly produces adverse effects, and that it often appears to be a negative personal trait, making life less tolerable for the person as well as others.

Albeit being human nature, competitiveness has been primarily endorsed by ~~a~~ the community and its members, bringing about a number of problems for its creators. It is true that being involved in competitions from the early childhood, one can develop various life and personal skills, but the pressure most competitors undergo could be overwhelming. Constantly pushed by their parents or drawn by the fear of being left behind and labeled as "suckers", pupils for instance live their entire lives in a fierce tournament with their peers. However much advocates of competitiveness try to justify its disadvantages, their ostensible joy is not borne by statistics. There is ample evidence, suggested by a large number of studies, that such stiff competition happens to leave long-term, negative effects on children, which in extreme cases may reach the point of causing developing ~~development of~~ a mental or psychological disorder.

Moreover, being a true competitor, one who is always ready to win, ~~may~~ may not prove the most humane characteristic possessed. In fact, many successful, famous people, as success is publically perceived to be associated with competitiveness, happen to have a small circle of close friends. This is believed to stem from the fact that they picture themselves in a never-ending competition, and therefore treat others as their either potential rivals whose success and happiness may be a threat or negligible common audience whom they should take for granted. Such a decline in social trust and intimacy, a by-product of promoted universal competition, however, now is lurking in other social classes as well.

In conclusion, although competitiveness may bring potential benefits and push an individual to success, it can cause more evidently obviously/clearly negative impacts on one's personal and social life.