

Wealth Without Work

Wealth Without Work is one of Gandhi's Seven Social Sins, which are likely to be interbred with Seven Deadly Sins: envy, gluttony, greed, lust, pride, sloth and wrath, used in Christian times in education and instruction of Christians who were concerned not to sin. The nature of human beings is to want things fast and with a minimum of effort. This is normal and it's considered to be usual. However, as we age and develop more self-control and wisdom over our daily affairs, we learn to temper our desire for Instant Pudding with a more mature perspective. Added together, "Instant Pudding" was a metaphor for the desire to obtain results with a minimum investment of time and energy.

Unfortunately media and even schools today seem to emphasize the possibility of achieving success and wealth without work. Sports stars are suddenly being offered incredible contracts. Movie stars are going from unknown to overnight fame and fortune. Singers and musicians seem to suddenly achieve fame despite being barely out of their teens and in many cases barely into their teens. All it takes is to be discovered. This might happen if you can get on TV or be found by the right booking agent. In some cases, all it takes is the right YouTube video to accomplish this success. One day Psi was an unknown Korean musician and in a few short weeks, he was celebrating success by a dinner in the White House and appearing on the Times Square New Year's Eve celebration. How can anyone dispute that all that is required for fame and fortune is to be in the right place at the right time?

Once upon a time, a model for attaining wealth and a set of rules to accomplish this objective stemmed from 3 basic beliefs:

1. Work hard, long and industriously.
2. Attain as much education as you could absorb and afford.
3. Treat all of your engagements with absolute honesty and conscientiousness.

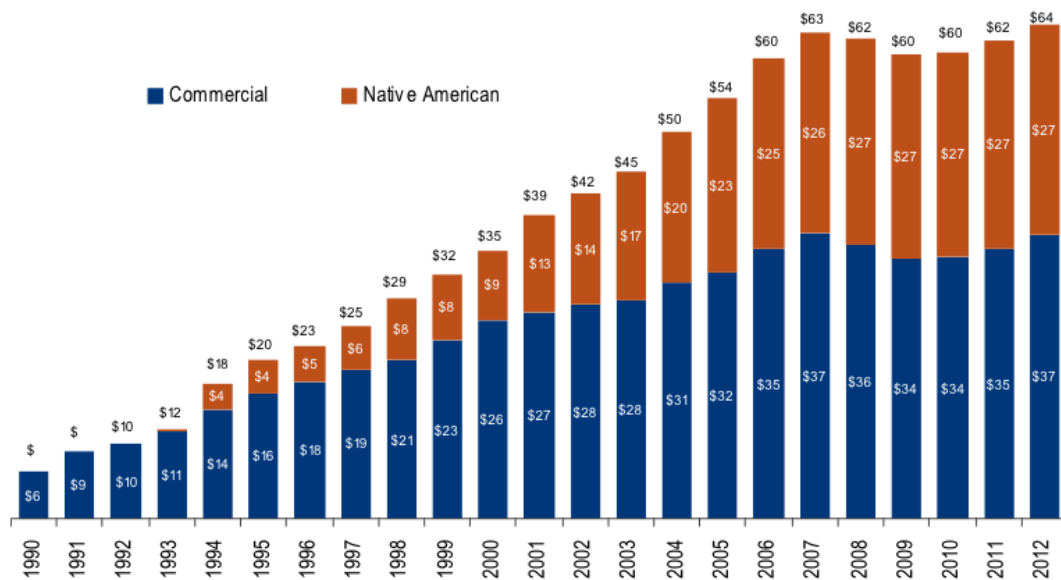
Now these basic beliefs are:

1. Wealth can be attained at a gambling casino or by winning a lottery if you are lucky enough.

2. Wealth can be attained by suing someone and with the help of a lawyer who will earn his legal fees by winning one's case in the court of law.
3. Wealth can be attained by finding some means of attaining a government handout for the rest of your life.

No one can disagree that gambling, casinos, government handouts and lawsuits have multiplied over the past fifty years.

Chart 18: Total U.S. gaming industry revenue: Commercial and Native American (US\$B)



Source: BofA Merrill Lynch Global Research, NIGC, State gaming control boards
 Note: Native American gaming revenues not available periods prior to 1993

I would surely refer to the connection between wealth without work and pride. As stated before, gambling is increasing every single year. The lack of work is making it easier to spend money without caring. This leads to the waste of money to casinos or drugs. Also, greed and envy must be mentioned, too. Having much money, automatically results in the need of destroying the one who's more powerful or treating less rich people as nothing. In conclusion, it is important to make sure that you can handle the wealth if you don't deserve it.

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