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American Dream

The American dream of each person varies in different ways ,but each person should have the opportunity to pursue their happiness in their desired way. Happiness for a person could be having a huge house, earning a lot of money, or completing their career. “The American Dream legally protects every American's right to achieve their potential. That allows them to contribute their utmost to society (Amadeo), ” once people have the chance to embrace their american dream, they’ll be able to complete their goal by hardwork and dedication. According to Scotty Hendricks, “It may surprise you to learn that the phrase “American Dream” has only been around since 1931,” since then the phrase “American Dream” has evolved. In today’s society the concept of “The American Dream” is to have the most money, the most land, the most of everything ,but when “The American Dream” first began it was all about their wish that the government would realize that everyone is fully capable of accomplishing anything no matter what color you are.

During the 1950’s, African-American’s dreams were to get equal rights as Americans. “Blacks still faced widespread employment discrimination (Manning), “ African- American’s although they had the same ability as Americans, they were denied the right to work in certain jobs because of their skin color. African-Americans due to the lack of jobs hiring them, resulted into them living in poverty. Once people start to live in poverty, not only does it affect the

parents, but also the children. A leading effect is African-American children wouldn't be able to give their full potential based on their skin color. "By 1939 blacks constituted 40 percent of relief rolls, and half of all black families relied on some government aid for subsistence, (Manning)" it significantly shows the huge effect that discrimination toward African-Americans has done. Their main goal was to get treated the same way, to get seen with potential. If any person was to put themselves in their shoes, who wouldn't want to get out of that situation? The cycle would keep going until African-Americans would get their equal rights.

My "American Dream" is to be successful in life. Being successful in my opinion doesn't necessarily mean to be rich or have the most expensive objects. My dream is to one day finish my career, work hard, save money, and at some point in life give back to my parents. My parents are my motivation to finish my career. When my dad was my age he couldn't afford shoes, clothing, or his education. We live in the country where people come in search of a better life, we should take advantage of the opportunities we have to do big things in life. Once I finish a career, I would feel as if I have succeeded in life. My parents have always said, "be someone in life, don't be an employee, better yet be the boss." From there on, my focus will be making money to later on make my own business.

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