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The Goodness and Limitations of Ambition

In life, setting goals is important to a good lifestyle as breath is to life. However, the ability to do so is dependent on one's ambitions; desire to succeed in a certain rewarding course. Ideally, differences in the level of one's ambition and that another can be reflected in the differences in their lifestyle. Unfortunately, society has different expectations for different people based on dominant cultural values and beliefs. Both Mitchell (2017) and Clarke (104) explain that many societies value professional success in men but approve physical attractiveness from women. As a result, a gap is likely to emerge since the societal influences are bound to cause differences in economic performance between men and women. Therefore, while many societies uphold ambitions as a positive factor for success, it is likely to cause different long-lasting gender inequality.

Ambitions have several advantages in a society. Firstly, it helps us grow and achieve both "shape and form," and "build our own lives" (Gilbert 1). In most societies, growth is central to one's well-being since it is an indicator of having a good job, respectable social status, and progress in education. Notably, a good reason for this is that ambition as a value is associated with superior characters and personalities that are mostly associated with men.

Ambitions help in setting objectives and working toward their attainment (Neel 3).

Normally, people without ambitions may feel like they have succeeded all there is to achieve. As a result, they are likely to settle on their lowly achieved objectives. For example, one whose ambitions in life is to drive a personal car is likely to become satisfied once he gets it in his youthful years. On the contrary, one whose is ambition is to have a car, a home and a charity organization will keep working hard even past having a car. In this case, ambition can describe the differences in our understanding of achievements in life.

Finally, ambitions influence other values such as perseverance, hardworking, honesty, and kindness (DiPiro 2). For example, an ambitious person will have to be brave when encountered by life challenges and even persevere unpleasant circumstances that occur in their life since they are determined. As a result, a person's personality traits such as honesty, integrity, and responsibility will strengthen.

On the other hand, uncontrolled ambitions may have negative outcomes for an individual. For example, it becomes easy to engage in unlawful practices to fulfill our desires. Gilbert (4) explains that people in a confused state of ambition may end up gambling in "adventure of winning and losing." Such likelihood can be dangerous since it might yield destructive behavior in one's life.

In addition, culturally driven ambition will eventually cause stereotyping of one group in society. Evidently, positively understood traits such as honesty, hardworking is accorded to men in many societies. On the contrary, the most requirement insisted upon for women to be successful in the society is physical attractiveness (Clarke 105). Such gap in people's perception of gender roles eventually interprets differed performance in key economic, political, and social systems. For example, since a society requires all men to be hardworking, all men in the society

will focus on wealth accumulation through entrepreneurship and seeking employment. Women may not be motivated by the same things since society social standards do not require them to do so.

Finally, ambition to achieve something may confuse an individual to follow things that are trivial in life. For example, one may be overly motivated to accumulate wealth and forget to pursue essential things such as family, friends, and treating other people with respects. This is a normal situation in business where employers tend to overwork and mistreat their employees for increased productivity and profits to satisfy their desires.

In conclusion, ambition is a useful concept in one's life since it brings in the idea of setting goals, and strategies to achieve them. As such, one is likely to achieve success and social acceptance. However, it may cause problems when one engages in illegal and unethical practices to achieve their ambitions. In a community level, ambition causes a great drift between genders or groups since the social conformity may mean different to these groups.

Summary

Ambition is the desire to succeed in a certain rewarding course. It differs from one person to another and explains the differences in the achievement between two people. In addition, it is a strong cultural value is believed to determine handwork, honesty, and integrity. However, it undermines core society efforts for equality of genders. The advantages of ambitions are that it enables people to grow, set objectives and adhere to them, and reinforce critical cultural values such a perseverance, handwork, determination, and honesty Its disadvantages are that it causes stereotyping of the minority in the society, confuse priorities, and may cause negative behaviors such as violence, cheating, and drug use. This research finds that ambition motivates men more

than women since societies have their expectations about each gender. Men are expected to work hard and accumulate wealth while women are expected to groom. As a result, the gender gap is widened thus undermining the welfare and growth of women.

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