Independence and Individualism of Young People in America

Americans hold independence and individualism in high esteem.

Parents try to instill these values in their children.



The first step toward personal independence is having own room.

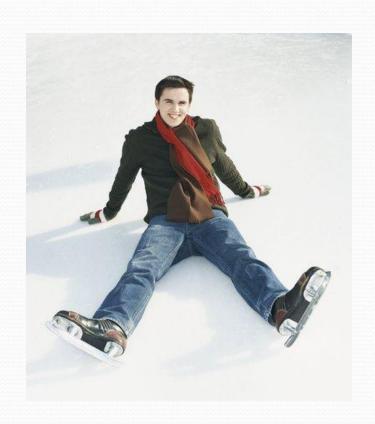


Children have own room have privacy \longrightarrow learn to be responsible for their own living space.

Youth people are encouraged not be "tied to their mothers' apron strings".



Young people want to "stand on their own two feet"



The first step to establishing autonomy is working for money outside the home.

Young people know "value of a dollar".



Some ten-year-olds mow their neighbors' lawns.



Slightly older children may deliver newspapers ...



... or babysit.



Young people study and work. They want to pay for their education.



Young people want to assert their independence. They are free to choose their career.