# 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.

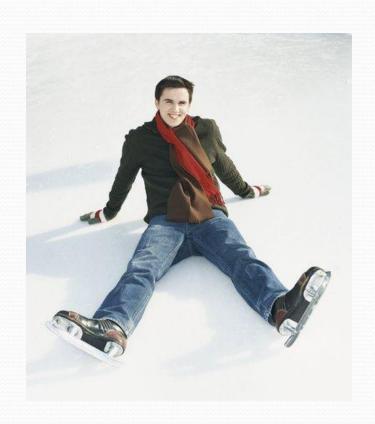


Children have own room have privacy  $\longrightarrow$ learn to be responsible for their own living space.

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.