

Social game is the only game

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The Red Pill often espouses that men have been sold a false bill of goods. Taught the wrong behaviors and the wrong way of life when it comes to women. The fact is, women are just the tip of the iceberg. Many men have been sold a false bill of goods regarding life in general. (Women, too, if you really think about it, just for entirely different issues that they can discuss on their own.)

From birth, you're told to do good in school, go to college, get a STEM degree or get on some other career path toward a small list of acceptable jobs: doctor, lawyer, engineer, computer geek, etc. Then find a job out of school, put in your time and work hard for a few years, and eventually, you might make a six-figure salary, which is a lot of money and will help you buy a house, nice furniture and other nice things, and provide for a wife and children. That's all bogus.

I live in an upper middle class, white, yuppie suburb of my city. I'm an attorney who followed the path in the paragraph above. I've been practicing nearly ten years, make a six-figure salary, and honestly, it's not a lot of money. Not when you're paying a white yuppie suburban mortgage, sending a kid to daycare, keeping your car and appliances in good working order, putting away for retirement, and decorating your lives with cell phones, cable TV, pretty furniture, and the other trappings necessary to prove that you're middle class and not poor. Because a 20 dollar soap dispenser from Bed Bath & Beyond that matches the trim around your mirror without clashing with the tile surrounding the tub that you never use because you own a shower is totally better than just using the bottle that liquid soap comes in. My wife thinks so, anyway. I'm glad one of us has priorities.

You'd think that all of my neighbors in this suburb would be highly-educated doctors, lawyers, and engineers, right? Not so. The huge majority of my neighbors are contractors, own landscaping companies, work in sales or insurance, one guy runs an electrician business, another owns an auto shop. Most of them work from home. Most of them spend maybe 2-4 hours a day on the phone with clients and subordinates, take the occasional business trip to meet people, then fiddle away the rest of the day doing carpentry in their garage and mowing their yards. They make double what I do and could pay someone to do their own yard work (like I do since I'm in the office 12+ hours a day), but they don't have any other obligations during the day and enjoy the outdoor time. And if any of these guys ever came upon hard times or lost their jobs, they'd just tap their extensive network of entrepreneurial and successful guy friends and be doing something else just as profitable next week.

Nobody tells you, growing up, that social networking is absolutely everything. That your aim in life shouldn't be an engineering degree so you can work in a cubicle at an engineering firm and eventually get rich enough to marry a girl. That you should aim to work in sales or be a contractor, learn Spanish, and dedicate the majority of your time to making business contacts. That drinking beer and talking with your guy friends about football, forming those bonds, isn't some stupid thing frat boys do – it's important for your future. If you play your cards right, being one of the “cool kids” from age 6 onward is far superior to being a nerdy first grader who gets bullied but makes A's on his math tests.

Social game is where it's at, and women know this. Take a hideously ugly man who says hi to a passing woman in the street. She'll cross to the other side to avoid making eye contact with him, and post on facebook about how she was almost raped by a creepy guy. But take that same ugly guy and make him a supporting actor alongside Brad Pitt in some big movie, and suddenly women will think this ugly-as-sin man is “kind of cute.” There's no deception – no mercenary nature involved. Women aren't thinking to themselves, “Wow. He's a rich and famous actor. I'd love me some of that money and fame.” They

actually perceive this ugly man as kind of cute when seeing him under better circumstances.

This doesn't just apply to movie stars. It applies to regular joes, too. Some average-looking guy sitting alone at a table in the corner of a bar, looking up at a pretty woman as she enters – that's a creep, and a loser. But put the same guy at a table in the center of the room, being loud and gregarious, with each arm around a girl, and all of the guys at the table laughing at his jokes, and women will think he's hot. No mercenary tendencies. They're not deviously hoping to latch on to his social network (not consciously, anyway). Their brains will actually perceive this average-looking man as good-looking.

You can spend all the time at the gym that you want, get a STEM degree, work hard and make good money, but without extremely well-developed social aptitude, you will always, always be a woman's plan B. Everyone else's plan B, too. Guys in your apartment complex will only invite you to hang out if nobody cooler is around. Employers won't hire you over the guy who bullshitted confidently through the entire interview and showed up with a pile of references from his social network. Social game and building that network is the most important thing you can invest yourself into. Knowing valuable people (and being valuable to them) is the only currency that matters.

You know, we should probably get off the internet for a bit and go meet some people. Social game is your best investment toward female attraction. Well, having good, old-fashioned sex actually works best for building attraction, but social game's where it's at for women you're not already fucking.

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TheOpposingView • 63 points • 10 July, 2014 05:32 PM [\[recovered\]](#)

Totally agreed--that is why the movement towards "easternizing" public education (and our entire education system in general) is so terrible for almost everyone. It focuses on testing and study and grades and numerical outcomes, and it crushes spirits, makes excuses for social ineptitude, and encourages a passive existence of be the hardworking cog.

THE ONLY THING that mattered, from what I see so far in life, is who you know. In college, grades should be second--networking is the thing that you are paying for. The ONLY purpose of your grades and degree is to provide the plausible deniability for your friends or parents' friends to get you a job at their business/through their contacts.

If you did not make a lot of friends in college, you should not have gone.

diablo_fuentes • 24 points • 10 July, 2014 09:22 PM

Why not both?

Goldman Sachs only hire from a few select schools. Sure that frat boy at Yale has a lot of social connections but he also busts his ass in school to obtain a 3.6 GPA.

Networking is important but it depends on your major. Finance, marketing, HR yeah networking is number one. Engineering, or accounting? The better your grades, the less you need to network. Good luck convincing Boeing that they should hire you with your 2.1 GPA and no work experience because you have "social connections."

A personal referral can include a professor, recruiter at a networking event, a former boss, etc.

Your advice does apply to the difference between public and private schools. Attend a private school and yes many of these kids are going to have parents who own huge companies and has a huge influence on hiring. A public school? For the most part their parents can put in a good word but it is only a tie breaker. So yeah if you didn't make a lot of friends at a private school it was a waste of money.

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AriminiusSeverus • 5 points • 11 July, 2014 06:48 AM

I've heard many shitty employees who got hired because they knew someone, also those shitty employees never climb the corporate ladder nor do they maintain their position, especially when they are costing the company money and space from potential competent employees. The alpha employers will not tolerate incompetency and parasitic individuals in their business.

[deleted] • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 05:23 PM

In a lot of companies I've worked for, the hard, smart workers stay at the bottom where they are most effective at keeping things flowing, and the retards are promoted up to meaningless middle-management where they will be out of the way. Especially in fast food management of store management. The idiot GMs are quickly promoted to corporate where they don't fuck up any more of the stores' bottom line.

[deleted] • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 12:26 AM

<http://www.ribbonfarm.com/the-gervais-principle/>

Mandatory reading for everyone living in a first world country.

lolyzor • 5 points • 11 July, 2014 07:27 AM

look at it this way, you have a 4.0 gpa, that does not guarantee you a job in a good engineering company, but knowing important people will almost 100% guarantee you a good job in a good company.

This is my story, I worked after graduating as a developer in a small company while my brother worked for another company with exposure to lots of different important people. And my brother is an expert at social games, so he hooked me up with a manager in much larger company and I applied there and requested double the salary I had before and they agreed...

No matter how good of a developer you are, knowing certain people will increase your chances dramatically of jumping up the social ladder.

PLaTinuM_HaZe • 5 points • 11 July, 2014 02:09 PM

If you had a 4.0 in engineering you must not have gone to the right school. To attain a 4.0 in a top engineering program is next to impossible unless you're a certified genius. In my program there were the occasional 3.6 or 3.75 but not a 4.0

AriminiusSeverus • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 09:14 AM

If you have a 4.0 gpa in engineering you WILL have a job, especially when the average is below 3.2. Guarantee it.

anonymouse • 0 points • 11 July, 2014 11:56 AM

Sure that frat boy at Yale has a lot of social connections but he also busts his ass in school to obtain a 3.6 GPA.

Pretty sure there was a scandal a short while back with Ivy League schools inflating grades. 3.6 would be really bad for Yale.

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TheOpposingView • 1 points • 23 July, 2014 01:25 AM [recovered]

Flunks? No. But I think I made that clear here:

"The ONLY purpose of your grades and degree is to provide the plausible deniability for your friends or parents' friends to get you a job at their business/through their contacts."

In what way is my post something a 12 year old would say? That just doesn't even make any sense. Were you talking about the cynicisms of the real world when you were 12? If so, damn, that is some heavy shit.

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TheOpposingView • 1 points • 23 July, 2014 02:11 AM [recovered]

Couple of things.

First: Those borderline autistic people either networked at their school (have you ever met people from Caltech? I have. Plenty of them are just fine at networking with *their peers* at Caltech, and some of them would be just fine anywhere else too) or put themselves at school where more savvy individuals would do the work for them because they saw the value in it. The whole point of going to an "Ivy" or "Elite School" is to put yourself in the best position to be plucked. It is about networking.

Again, I did not say that good grades were pointless. I said Good Grades were secondary in pay off. Having a great GPA is helpful in the process of networking. This matters less (but still matters a lot) in STEM oriented fields, while being absolutely essential to success in fields like Communication or Liberal Arts.

Finally, it's obvious you have a chip on your shoulder about Red Pill in general. Only time will sway you towards embracing it or turning away from it completely. Hope you make your decision eventually for your sake, because that in-between period is a real bitch.

demoneyes905 • 11 points • 11 July, 2014 01:46 AM*

It's publicly known in my industry that the only way to get the good jobs is to know someone.

80% of the jobs that are open aren't advertised publicly. The applicants are searched through references.

I wish they had mentioned this when I was in school.

Edit: Industry was tech and software development. There ARE a lot of advertised jobs but the best ones and the ones that have significantly better perks are unadvertised

Adroxiom • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 05:13 PM

Which industry is that? Film? I have a few friends in film working as ADs and they've done very well for kids outta high school. It's all about who you know in that industry.

let_terror_reign • 13 points • 10 July, 2014 05:28 PM

So much this. My roommate is exactly the nerd you describe. Will not go out of his way to make one new contact. He'll suffer for it later.

I wizened up. I'm making contacts, making sure I'm memorable in some way, because when I call up for a reference or a favor, I want them to remember me. When people come to you knowing you can help them out, that is value for you. And for that you need contacts. Don't make it a one way street. Be able and willing to help you. Not please, or sign a covert contract, but because you can. Old school networking, not social. This is what builds an empire.

648262 • 14 points • 10 July, 2014 05:28 PM

Spot on right in face. This comes at the right point in time.

See... You can always put social game on top of whatever you already have in place.

If you're an engineer in a cubicle you can always start networking your way out of that cubicle. The people available for you to socialize with are potentially very valuable in terms of your career. You can talk your way out of that cubicle.

What you do with your social game is up to you, but it has potential - a lot of potential.

[deleted] • 9 points • 10 July, 2014 06:56 PM

23 Years old here. Software engineer. Started my own business. Can confirm panties come off.

GC0W30 • 6 points • 11 July, 2014 01:44 AM

Being the boss makes panties come off like the girl just found out they caused cancer.

ColdEiric • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 07:04 PM

It's when you start talking why you love to write code, isn't it? That's when girls throw themselves at you. I knew it!

[deleted] • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 09:25 PM

No I specifically stay away from that shit. All programmers should.

hq8comment score below threshold • -5 points • 10 July, 2014 10:01 PM

??? Talking about smart shit has worked so well for me that I perfected my delivery of the proof that the square root of 2 is irrational. It's not the programming. It's anything "nerdy" because that stuff is no longer "gay" like it was in 1995. Haven't you ever finished describing something you're working on and you get kind of enough into it where you forget the girl? And then when you notice her again she's halved the distance between you and is looking at you with fuck-me eyes?

[deleted] • 3 points • 10 July, 2014 10:48 PM

You're right, but a big problem in my last relationship which was over 4 years, was that at a certain point girls cannot relate to our massive knowledge. It gets old fast so it's better to tread lightly.

But I do love talking about why there is only addition and multiplication as sets.

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Write software that isn't out there yet. Niche markets are out there.

[deleted] • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 05:34 AM

Graduated recently and looking to do more software on the entrepreneurial side, but the only things I could come up with were mobile apps and I've been working on a mobile game for the past year or so. Where should I start looking for other markets?

jjshinobi • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 06:32 AM

Bringing foreign processes to the states like Japan's restaurant automation..

[deleted] • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 01:04 PM

Mobile apps aren't businesses usually. Look into corporate applications. Find another professional in another field and start automating their jobs. If you know someone in finance, finance is riddled with double data entry and bad software practices. Really anything that is data heavy can be streamlined.

Example: my finance friends get these emails and they have to go through the emails to find specific numbers and put them in excel. If you can crack the pattern of these emails, you can automate this whole process.

Really, custom software is what's hot right now. A lot of systems aren't robust enough to handle

tons of variability. My day job is intellectual asset software. My company has very robust, customizable software, while our competitors have cookie cutter, not really automozed software. Because we tailor the software to each client, we have a huge percentage of the market. Follow a model like this.

etherael • 6 points • 11 July, 2014 03:43 PM*

This might be terribly unpopular, but I'm going to have to go ahead and completely contradict this one here. Way too much emphasis is placed on social gladhandling and all associated bullshit. In areas where it's literally *about* who can be the most likable, and thus to an extent when it's about human mating, that's fair enough. But if you expand it then to *all of the possible things that you could be doing*, no.

Basically, that drastically overstates the importance of our pissweak little species in the grand scheme of things. The vast majority of people will only ever exert effort on trying to carve up a bigger slice of the known existing pie for themselves. When it comes to creating entirely new markets, or opening up poorly understood areas of achievement, that is, actually *expanding* that existing pie, social gladhandling is of almost zero consequence. Not only that, it can actually get in the way because you get stuck in the accepted groupthink of your peers and what is fact vs what is commonly accepted belief in the herd bleeds into one another.

It's pretty much a tautology; as soon as you take humans out of the equation, your popularity amongst humans becomes entirely irrelevant. And humans are not nearly so all encompassing and important as they imagine themselves to be. Fuck the species, drop the groupthink, eyes on the prize. Perfecting your understanding of the material reality of the universe is only vaguely related to human socialising at best.

Most major leaps in history came across because of people throwing aside what the world thought was best and striking out on their own. If you're really incapable of this kind of pursuit, that's all well and good, but if you stand a chance at pursuing it I think it would be insane to throw it away to get stuck playing politics with a bunch of boring old social ladder climbers.

One of the worst times in my life was when I internalised a message from someone trying to influence me to focus less on science and technology and more on social skills when I was much younger, because he managed to convince me that it would all be outsourced within a few years and the only valuable skills left would be social skills and creativity. The exact *opposite* actually happened, sales people and ass kissers are a dime a dozen and having virtuoso level sci / tech skills is a diamond ticket with very little credible competition. I will never repeat that same mistake again.

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I think from his perspective social game is so important because law is nothing but social bullshit. It is a discipline based on people's opinion where your only utility is swaying other's opinion based on popular perspectives. They produce NOTHING of inherent value.

Your last paragraph really connects with me. My elder brother (who is a father figure to me) tried his very best to get me to focus on something social/service based. I asked myself "what do these professions produce that the world NEEDS and will continue to NEED in large quantity?" Short of hardcore STEM fields and some blue collar professions, everything else seemed easily replaceable and increasingly irrelevant. I figured everything is done via software now, it ain't goin anywhere (despite this being right after dot come bubble bursting and everyone telling me its dying and going to India). I got a computer engineering degree, it was the best decision I made. Only problem I have with money now is what to do with it.

etherael • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 07:10 PM

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Man, you hit the nail right on the head. The entire time there I was writing that I was thinking "No, don't say that, you don't need to alienate that segment of readers yet again." but internally I was screaming it to myself over and over. Thanks for being the one to say it.

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Respect.

[deleted] • 16 points • 10 July, 2014 08:46 PM

Don't want to sound like a tree hugger here, but if this anti-education talk actually catches on, the world is going to be fucked rather soon than late.

Every luxury we have today, the fact that not you nor your kids have to work 14 hours a day in the field or the factory, we owe to nerds. Chances are, they were probably not as socially adapted as some of you are.

So why would we be fucked? Our population is growing exponentially, and if we want to sustain our money idolizing lives than we better have a lot of nerds to make the required technological improvements.

Archwinger[S] • 22 points • 10 July, 2014 08:55 PM

College is definitely worth going to. Graduate/professional school, too, if that's what you want to do. As long as you're actually learning something useful, actually meeting useful and valuable people, and actually getting something that's going to help you advance yourself in the future.

The false bill of goods people get sold is that they think they're supposed to study hard in school, make good grades, go to a good college, get a good degree, then they can send their resume off to a bunch of postings on monster or indeed or some other job site, and they'll get a whole bunch of interviews, pick the best job, work at it for a few years and get raises, and they'll end up making six figures, impressing women with their success, getting married, and raising a family.

The truth is that unless you were the tippy-top of your class, you'd better have landed some cool internships during school (which is done via networking, not studying) or met some people who are going to hook you up with job. Employers get hundreds of resumes a week from degreed people just like you and me. They interview 3-6, hire 1. Every job I've ever had -- even shitty part time jobs during high school -- were through someone I knew. I never showed up with a resume and an application and got a job. Not once. And I've sent over a thousand resumes to places during my lifetime.

And six figures is *not* a lot of money. You can live on it, but it's not a rich guy salary like it used to be, back when gas was 75 cents a gallon and Cokes and stamps were a quarter.

And women don't care. While you're taking them out to expensive dinners you can barely afford while still making rent on that fancy apartment they've never seen that's supposed to impress girls, they're fucking random hot douchebags on the side. Because socially connected guys are attractive. Educated professionals with 9-5 cubicle or office jobs are boring.

The message here isn't "don't go to college," more like "focus on the right shit."

[deleted] • 5 points • 12 July, 2014 12:34 AM

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As a 9-5 boring professional that recently moved into a fancy apartment that has had ZERO impact on my sex life this one really stings. Money is the most overrated item in the dating game.

[deleted] • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 09:10 PM

I can totally relate to that. Thanks for clearing that up.

[deleted] • -2 points • 10 July, 2014 11:01 PM

Sorry, dude, but you are 100% full of shit. I'm a high school dropout who never finished college, never bothered with networking, and still earn six-figures as an engineer at a major telecom. My Navy experience helped get me on this career track, that's for sure, but networking? Other than plugging routers into switches I haven't bothered with that, at all, and have still reached a very comfortable state of success.

Could I have doubled it with social networking? Maybe, maybe not. But the fact remains, I didn't need that or a fancy degree from the best school to be where I am today.

All you need is hard work, intelligence, and the willingness to take some risks (like working for startups in your 20s). All the rest of it is nothing but window dressing.

aww40 • 5 points • 11 July, 2014 02:36 AM

All you need is hard work, intelligence, and the willingness to take some risks

You forgot to mention starting point. One of the nice things about going into the military is you can get a relatively high paying job (in comparison to your peers) along with little to no expenses, if you're smart, at 18. This coupled with great resources and free education when you get out and a set of skill depending on your MOS/job. Not to mention, for a lot of places, being in the military is great flair to put on a resume.

A broke kid from FuckAll, Kansas can go to MEPS with the shirt on his back and an enlistment packet, and, after 4 years or more, gets out with money in the bank, a set of skills, life experience, and free schooling.

Take that same broke kid, put him in institutionalized public education for 12 years and see what his options are. The only thing colleges really give a shit about is SAT/ACT scores and assuming this kid did relatively well in school, he's still coming off the hip for school. He'll take out a lot of loans which will drain his finances for the next 5 to 10 years, he'll start a minimum wage job that garners shit pay and work experience no where worth working will care about, and at the end of it, HOPEFULLY, a degree that is in demand in his area so he can get an entry level job making 40k to 60k a year.

Compare this to the rich kid whose dad knows the right people, grows up in the right school with the right friends. College? Daddy's an alum at the state uni and is golfing buddies with someone on the board of directors. Job? Those friends he grew up were in the same frat as him and between all of them and their families, networking for job opportunities just got a lot easier. Student Loans? Daddy's investor helped Daddy set up a college fund for junior and all tuition's paid in full.

So-

A- Starting point matters a lot.

B- Though hard work and determination no doubt got you to where you are, being about to alter your starting point through the military is just as much to thank.

C- Knowing the right people can bypass a lot of that hard work and determination other people have

to go though to get where they need to be. If you're not born into it, it helps to start shaking hands with the right people.

seiken287 • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 05:36 AM

This is relevant to anyone under 30. The circumstances just isn't the same anymore. To the navy guy above, if you were to lose that job, unless you're union, I'd imagine it would be pretty hard to get a new one without a degree and some networking certs... some companies now require all employees to be degreed.

[deleted] • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 01:34 AM

Um, no, employers are going away from looking at college these days, especially in computers. It's a meaningless metric.

<http://qz.com/180247/why-google-doesnt-care-about-hiring-top-college-graduates/>

[deleted] • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 01:33 AM

Your reply is not relevant. OP said "game" is all that matters; I am living proof you don't need game to succeed, just intelligence and work ethic.

aww40 • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 01:47 AM

You're not understanding the context in which OP used game or at the very least, you are limiting the definition of "gaming".

Gaming is applying an action to a social situation to garner a desirable reply or consequence from an observing/participating party.

When you go into an interview, look in the employer's eyes and shake their hand, you do so to subtly send a message of who you are/your character.

When you meet with a client to discuss you company's position on a business deal, gaming.

Owning your own business, gaming all day long. (cold calls, negotiating production costs, etc.)

Putting together a resume, gaming the person reading it.

Gaming is in every social interaction, regardless of whether or not the participants realize it

[deleted] • 2 points • 12 July, 2014 02:05 AM

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I'll grant that's possible. It mostly seemed geared to networking, "who you know not what you know", and using social networks of your parents, peers, and alumni. In that sense, he's wrong; while no one would ever dispute those things help, they're not the only way to find success (which is my entire point).

As far as projecting confidence, knowing how to craft a resume, knowing how to take "No" for an answer (and then turn it into a "Yes"), I agree 1000% that those skills are far, far more important than anything else. Including actual knowledge and any social networks.

bama79rolltide • 7 points • 10 July, 2014 06:17 PM

"Nobody tells you, growing up, that social networking is absolutely everything."

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Maybe we just need the keys to figure out how to socially network with the right people. I'm not nearly as concerned with pounding pussy as I used to be. I want to get paid.

bicepsblastingstud • 7 points • 10 July, 2014 11:01 PM

One of the things people here don't talk about much is that TRP works on everybody, not just women. When you are masculine, confident, and don't take any shit, other men see that and respect it.

Being RP will help your paycheck, make no mistake.

juanqunt • 12 points • 10 July, 2014 04:51 PM

So much truth in this post. This needs to be stickied.

bicepsblastingstud • 11 points • 10 July, 2014 10:58 PM

What's the point? Everything u/archwinger writes is outstanding. We should probably just give him his own sub.

bradyo2 • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 09:40 AM

I concur. My favourite poster here at the moment. I agree with literally everything he writes.

99639 • 4 points • 10 July, 2014 08:30 PM

I also know a lot of the "cool kids" with tons of friends who grew up and are poor as shit. I think the STEM route is the more sure route to money.

GC0W30 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 01:52 AM

Their friends were also poor, or they are lazy.

[deleted] • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 12:43 AM*

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I can personally vouch for this. I have had times when I was called a weirdo or faggot in dance clubs, just because I was that loner acting awkward. (No, I wasn't actually doing anything homo, I guess the word creep wasn't common lingo back then).

Fast forward a few years, and I remember being at a social mixer of sorts, and I knew the organizers. I inadvertently acted like a host, talking with people, talking WITH the important people too, and the girls noticed. It was jaw dropping the attention and positive looks/smiles I got from several girls. And in some cases, I would be talking to a taken girl, with no agenda, and jealous boyfriend would swoop in to make sure he marked his territory.

Another time, I worked at a theme park and MTV had a touring live show of some dating thing they had in the mid 1990s. Singled Out I think. I worked backstage. And just because I was backstage talking with some of the key people, I had girls looking at me in ways I was definitely not used to. And it's not like it was a concert with a celebrity A-lister like Justin Timberlake or Gene Simmons. The hosts were locally hired, nobodies. It was the situation we were just in.

When I seemed to be either the key person, or in the inner circle of key people, it SKYROCKETED my value. Of course I ended up fucking all that up, because I still believed I was a loser. So I wouldn't actually close. So I lost a lot of that social "currency". But knowing what I know now, it all makes sense.

GC0W30 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 01:43 AM

I REALLY wish I had learned this BEFORE I was done with college.

whatnowtrp • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 03:03 AM

I wish I had read this thread when I first started college. I only found out about TRP about a month ago. I graduated college 3 years ago. It's depressing the shit out of me, and I wish there was a time machine.

I really hope that I can redeem myself. Hoping grad school is worth it.

bh3244 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 04:56 AM

yes, intelligence will only get you so far. Once you reach a certain point the difference between the genius janitor and the famous philosopher is their relationships with other people.

I used to despise these people like this. People who were all fluff, good talkers, but knew nothing. I realized that being bitter about the situation was beyond pointless, it was detrimental to my physical and mental well being. I now realize that the value in networking is immense. And that if you can reach the level that they have socially but also retain the technical knowledge then you will surpass them.

Some practical points:

Realize you are not owed anything. (never feel sorry for yourself)

Accept things you cannot change.

Know that what you can change is your way of thinking.

You must be willing to go farther than anyone else.

Try_2 • 3 points • 11 July, 2014 11:42 AM

the poor, little corporate lawyer sold his soul for big paycheck and a conformist YUPPY lifestyle, and now he's not happy. Boo Hoo.

Here's the solution. Start your own firm. Hire your own people. Then, you don't have to worry about game. Make your own rules.

mithridates1 • 7 points • 10 July, 2014 04:42 PM

Fuckin A man, if I could double your salary to make you write everyday I'd do it. Once again, great write-up.

anonmousecomment score below threshold • -7 points • 10 July, 2014 07:57 PM

If he wrote every day, what would he have to write about?

hungoverseal • 5 points • 10 July, 2014 06:20 PM

Great post, the title is awful though!

Archwinger[S] • 19 points • 10 July, 2014 06:23 PM

I have a history of profoundly shitty titles for things I type.

QQ_L2P • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 06:53 PM

Tagged as "The Nemesis of good titles".

hungoverseal • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 07:06 PM

I skipped to the comments ready to go off on one about 'absolutes' and how TRP has so many newbie posts on game. Haha had to go back and actually read it. On the topic of the actual content though- it truly is the big thing you don't get told in school. I was very much the kid who had all the grades and believed they would take me wherever I wanted (lol). Interesting though some schools aren't as bad as others. Here in the U.K I do notice a trend among public schoolboys (confusingly means they went to paid, private schools) that they have a far greater 'instinct' for the social game of life. Whether it comes from their wealthy parents or is actually a theme within the schools I don't know.

dallz_beep • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 03:11 AM

I really fucking wish TRP was invented when I was in high school. Or at least, in college. All I had was PUA, which is largely (but not all) nonsense and probably did even more harm than good.

You are completely correct. Handling numbers / machines / ideas / facts / textbook knowledge / technical training / etc is all vastly inferior to having actual human beings as a resource.

gmflag • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 03:47 AM

I think you can talk about knowing and choosing the right people. I personally associate myself with people better than me or just as good as me. Not to say I abandon those "below" me, but to me, why waste time with people who won't help you grow. Naturally, giving back is a natural thing.

DanG3 • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 06:26 AM

"Because a 20 dollar soap dispenser from Bed Bath & Beyond that matches the trim around your mirror without clashing with the tile surrounding the tub that you never use because you own a shower is totally better than just using the bottle that liquid soap comes in. My wife thinks so, anyway."

and

(like I do since I'm in the office 12+ hours a day)"

WARNING, WARNING, Will Robinson! You are FAILING a massive and insidious MARITAL shit test. Part of your job as the Man in your marriage is to put the clamp on this shit. WTF?! If you r on this sub you should know that you wouldn't (for example) "Take a grenade for you (any woman)." But, what are you doing? To boot, you are hamstering your (albeit naively self-imposed) angst with some crap about "socializing." Worse news, those neighbors who are home are probably "socializing" w your W while you are putting in those 12+ hours at the office.

I'm talking from experience - to you (but I was doing up to 16 hrs). Don't come with woulda, shoulda, coulda. Take control of your shit.

AngraMainyuu • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 11:14 AM

This counts for a whole lot more than just women.

I know a guy who used to run a taco stand in the busy end of town. He ran it for years, and he was successful, but it was his personality and outgoing behavior that brought in customers. Now you think this lowly taco guy is

just out making a living, but he was well known by everyone in the legal and business professions who passed by his stand everyday. He knew lawyers, judges, bankers, business owners, just about everyone over the 20yrs he worked that stand.

This guy was very mild mannered, no criminal record, but one day he snapped and got into a road rage incident. No one knows the actual details, but we know he pulled his gun and the other guy is dead. His bond was set at \$50,000, too much for a taco guy to pay off, but a group of anonymous community members got together and paid it off for him. Chances are he'll find a really good attorney to work pro-bono on his case too.

TLDR: good social connections can literally keep you out of jail.

NikolaTeslaMGTOW • 5 points • 10 July, 2014 11:14 PM

Also known as Nepotism, a major cancer on human society. And I'm not saying not to use the weapons available, just realize what it is. I would rather be my own man than be some douchebag who got hired because of daddy or friends (and most will never admit it). I understand why people do this, and am not saying don't do it, but at least be honest with yourself about it so you can make sure it doesn't cripple your potential as a man.

A good analogy is blue pill and red pill, its better to be red pill through pain than red pill from natural luck (Nietzsche a reverse cripple). Understanding how and why things work and being able to make yourself better is a very rare and important skill to have.

If you still don't get it, think how a beautiful woman's beauty makes her a shit person. Its not possible to become beautiful as a woman, but it is possible to become attractive as a man.

RedPope • 7 points • 11 July, 2014 04:08 AM

No offense meant, but your reply is all over the place. You seem confused.

BP men are told women are special. Treat them right and be rewarded. That is a lie. You'll orbit plenty of female friends, but have no real success.

BP men are told to study hard. Work extra hours and be rewarded. That is a lie. You'll be comfortable, but have no real success.

The RP truth is in order to succeed, you have to stop doing what you're told, and start doing what actually works.

NikolaTeslaMGTOW • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 01:40 PM

For how tired I was when I wrote it is pretty coherent. I meant to say going from blue pill to red pill is better than just being red pill naturally.

I don't think I stated anything contrary to what you posted either.

joaquim56 • 3 points • 10 July, 2014 07:47 PM

Great post. It's really just going back to the importance of social capital and its decline over the last 30 years. The deterioration of marriage, church, familial bonds and the like.

As these social centers declined, we've become more dependent on institutions:

-Government: Substitute daddy due that promotes and sustains divorce culture

-Educational Institutions: Mass brainwashing mechanism that keeps you plugged in.

-Corporations: Funneling wealth to limited investors and whose workforce is fueled by the educational institutions above.

Nothing wrong with these institutions inherently, but we've become extremely dependent on them to the

detriment of social capital. It's not a surprise that the Federal Government is very wary of "groups" of many kinds--White Nationalists, Black Panthers, Militia Groups etc.

Daddy wants you dependent on him.

[deleted] • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 07:52 PM

Do you guys force yourself to socialize and network the way you might force yourself to study? I'm antisocial as fuck and don't like meeting new people, so maybe it would be better to take the same mindset towards it like I might towards studying for finals. I've always thought of socializing as something to do but only if you enjoy it.

openwaves • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 11:15 PM*

Roosh's Day Bang. If you can get over approach anxiety, approach girls, and go on dates; you'll develop your extroverted side.

I claimed myself introverted before this, and now the opposite. Mind-set nstructions are well detailed in the book

Pdf link: <http://www.glenbradford.com/files/Books/Day%20Bang%20by%20Roosh%20V.pdf>

anonlmouse • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 08:00 PM

I'm not sure if that would work, I always notice when people make forced attempts to network and I avoid them. All my best contacts I didn't gain through trying to network, but it happened naturally through other things that I wanted to do.

Find a hobby that requires interaction with other people. Ideally one that draws from all walks of life so that you get a diverse pool of people to mix with.

diablo_fuentes • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 08:38 PM

Exposure therapy does magic

Da_cap-n • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 09:46 PM

Let it happen organically. Some of the best friends I've made were hanging out, playing intramural sports in college, and of course getting into trouble. Still keep in touch with them when I can. I just hooked one of my friends up with an interview opportunity. Funny too because I'm still at the bottom of the totem pole in my current job.

Sir_Fancy_Pants • 2 points • 10 July, 2014 08:54 PM

Is this not well known?

Haven't you ever heard " its not what you know, its who you know"

People rate well liked people higher than angry loners.

6footdeeponice • 4 points • 10 July, 2014 06:30 PM

Anti-intellectualism is not okay.

Improving yourself for the sake of improvement is great.

Improving yourself to have a better "value" at the club is worthless.

God damn, is there a Redpill without this useless sex talk garbage?

Archwinger[S] • 5 points • 10 July, 2014 06:44 PM

Maybe try TRPOffTopic. There are also quite a few business-related and motivation-related subreddits out there that have nothing to do with TRP or sexual strategy.

But I figure if I'm going to toss something on to r/theredpill, I'd better mention at least a little bit about sexual strategy.

6footdeeponice • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 07:00 PM

Thanks for the suggestions.

[deleted] • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 05:10 AM

If social fame is the only game. And women are socially adept. Then shouldn't we be socializing platonically more with women in order to use them.for more social connects?

EDIT - Just read the last sentence.

DanG3 • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 06:31 AM

"Then shouldn't we be socializing platonically more with women in order to use them.for more social connects?"

Would a fisherman ask a trout what it likes for bait?

Merica911 • 1 point • 11 July, 2014 02:36 PM

I agree with you on "group think" with women. You can take a fucking scrub off the streets and have him walk down the street with 2 fashionable/fit young women, on each shoulder, and all the other girls that would see this would want a piece of the action. Today, women (including men) can not think for themselves, and it's EASIER to just follow the trend then step outside the box.

And as far as networking.. It is said that 90% of students that attend a certain degree end up being in his or her career something entirely different. But, still go to school for the networking, because networking can't happen from just walking into a coffee shop.

I say, still do all the hard work, hit the gym, read all the books, be more giving than taking, listen, meditate and educate.. One day you will fit the bill in what someone is looking for.

Johnny_Shades • 1 point • 12 July, 2014 06:37 AM

Saved, I'll be reading this post more than once. Good one.

[deleted] • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 07:21 PM

i think after you graduate, of the lets say 100 people you knew socially (not counting your best friends), you only ever see again 20 once again, of them, out of the 20, about 2 or 3 you will meet them in a situation that can affect your career greatly and change your life..... the problem is you never know which 2 guys are going to be.

but again i am at a cubicle, in my understanding to somebody who is on the street his social skills are like hunting skills to a cave man

[deleted] • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 07:43 PM

I work in sales and make great money. I fucked around all through college. If you're sociable and likable, sales is the way to go. A lot of people are too awkward and shy to handle it though.

Tsilent_Tsunami • 6 points • 10 July, 2014 08:17 PM

sales is the way to go.

The ability to convince people to give you money is a valuable skill, in the right hands.

10pack • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 06:51 PM

Of the neighbors I know 2 are contractors, 1 is a pilot, one scammed people out of their retirement money and bought a lot of expensive shit, and 1 is a retired doctor.

kami_kakushicomment score below threshold • -8 points • 10 July, 2014 04:35 PM

the potential in business is far better than being an employee, but its also riskier.

you can always start your own accounting firm.

university *can* pay off, but you have to be a first rate student, you have to be top of your class and study hard, get that first class internship and so on, because every other person has a degree these days, they are largely worthless. id never recommend anyone go to uni these days to be honest, huge waste of time.

anyways OP, i think you are a moron. you are making 6 figures and you are letting your wife waste your money on shit you dont need? \$20 soaps? have you read the sidebar? do you know what betabux is?

I give my GF exactly \$0. she gets 2 gifts/year, one for xmas and one for her birthday. the rest of my money goes into my business and my early retirement fund.

golimo • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 07:25 PM

Suppose all my connections were in the legal field; I'm good at that; and I still have friends in and out of law. I have taken advantage of the "social" game, but I still work a lot. Have I "won" the social game because I have connections and used them to get to where I am, or have I "lost" because I'm not at home as much, etc.?

Strangeclouds420 • 1 point • 10 July, 2014 10:51 PM

What you're saying makes sense but at the same time missed the point he was trying to make. If you're doing what you want to do then that's cool. He's basically just telling us to keep our purpose in perspective.

[deleted] • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 07:33 PM

Any plans on what you're going to do next, OP? You sound unfulfilled and with a pretty good idea as to why. I've, fortunately, been who you described as the person who was always popular in school. Even at a huge state school I was really well known and liked.

Reason I'm saying/asking this is that I'm a year out of school, have a great job relative to anyone my age, but damn does this shit well.... suck. I work 60+ hours a week and the amount of times I've felt my personal life straight up messed with because of work is, frankly, fucking shitty. "Oh, what's that? Your friend is in town for only this weekend? What, they came to visit just for you? Yeah..... gunna need you to come in." I know it'll only get "better" the longer I work, but you seem to agree that social skills can trump anything else and that working for yourself sure as hell trumps not working for yourself. So, considering that it seems we have a somewhat similar outlook, with you having the actual experience, what would you suggest for someone like me? I just hate the contrasting thoughts of "Don't be a spoiled 20 something year old" and having other people just literally controlling a serious number of aspects in my life.

GC0W30 • 2 points • 11 July, 2014 01:49 AM

Put 20% of your money into a savings account and start looking into going into business for yourself, whether it's in your current field or another one. Something you know about or can pick up quickly that you won't hate. Self-employment rocks if you do it right, but you can NEVER have too much start-up capital. I got laid off during the great recession, and before my severance ran out I was making 25% more than I had

while I was employed. It took all of my savings, but it worked. Best wishes.

40_SixandTwo • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 07:37 PM

I agree completely. I just started college, and as the dude in High School who was the anti-social musician, I've made it my goal to hang out with tons of new people.

One thing I started doing is besides making friends with all the musicians in my dorm, I started hanging out with more of the football and basketball players. I see this as not only having a network, but having a very diverse network being important as well.

Onislayer64 • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 08:21 PM

what kind of activity's and such would get you in a group of divers people? I have never been the kind of person who likes bars or clubs and don't feel they would be good for social networking so whats a good networking activity?

captainramen • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 08:56 PM

Meetup dot com. Find meetups related to your field or an entrepreneurial one and start going.

Da_cap-n • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 09:40 PM

Great post. As an attorney I would think you have a pretty sizable network to tap into. I'm currently stuck in a cube and actively working to build skills to break out. It's a longer process than starting out the gate like some post college grads but life's a marathon, we can make it brah.

Any tips for increasing ones network? Also would you recommend Keith Ferazzi's Never Eat Alone book?

[deleted] • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 10:03 PM

Wow. That pretty much justifies my obsession with TRP. Thank you for that!

However, there is more to life than just social game. Like everything in life, you need to have a balance. If everyone strictly focused on social game with disregard to any useful skills, we wouldn't make it too far as a species.

cooltrip • 0 points • 10 July, 2014 10:51 PM

Handsomeness is the only game (if you want the *correct* sex)

VegasHostTre • 0 points • 11 July, 2014 02:20 AM

Social game is the only game my ass. Tell that to all the women I've banged that I met in grocery stores, malls etc. where the opener was "what kind of coffee you drink?" As far as college goes, well you could very well be right, making those contacts would have made likfe a whole lot easier.

[deleted] • -1 points • 10 July, 2014 08:42 PM

Bill doesn't agree (rule 11 in particular).

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