

Is every MRPer rich as fuck?

August 25, 2016 | 8 upvotes | by [prematureredpill](#)

hey guys,

this is more of an observational question. Almost every FR that i see that mentions money mentions the fact that alot of the solid MRPers are making 150-200k a year.

I know what alot of people might say is well, just make more money. I would like to know the magic formula for going from 70k to 150k.

anyway, just a question. How much do you guys make in a year? My wife and I combined make around 80K without any of the three bonuses I receive in a year. If its a good year I may get close to 90K, but in the current economic climate that's unlikely.

Also, just to note, I went from making less than 30K, while married, in 2012 to making 65K mid 2015, so I believe I have done quite well in increasing the money game.

Thoughts?

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druganswer8 points 25 August, 2016 03:36 PM* [\[recovered\]](#)

I think it's a case of people with lower incomes don't mention them as often. Also, if you're a beta pussy and broke you're much more likely to have your wife up and leave you. If you're making 150k a year your wife has some incentive to stay with you, even without any sort of attraction beyond your money.

prematureredpill[S] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 03:45 PM

This is probably true, perhaps a sort of bragging? I dunno i was just wondering. It there seems, among some, that a certain amount of money is required to be hard core RP. which of course it bullshit.

druganswer6 points 25 August, 2016 03:52 PM* [\[recovered\]](#)

The guys who wash up here don't often have much to brag about... so they pick the one thing they think makes them special. And that combined with the whole fact that 150k a year is hard for a post wall woman to give up... leads to a higher than usual concentration of guys with high incomes and extreme failure everywhere else. With women who are disgusted by and resent them, but *can't* leave because they will never find a Beta Bux quite as good.

Same guy making 30k a year would have his wife run off with Chad the electrician and never hear from her again. She had 0 attraction and 0 incentive to stay with him, so unless he acted quickly/got lucky he probably didn't have time to get here before the end.

Oh, and it's kind of ridiculous how many people lie about trivial things on the internet. So I wouldn't really take anything said here at face value.

awyden • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 03:57 PM

electricians can make bank though..

bogeyd6 • 3 points • 25 August, 2016 09:10 PM

Many skilled trades make great money. I should know, I try to hire as many as possible.

awyden • 1 point • 26 August, 2016 12:47 AM

Electricians where I work (manufacturing) make 120-130k. But they also have to know automation and things like that.

bogeyd6 • 2 points • 26 August, 2016 12:53 AM

For my employess, a journeyman electrician should make about 180k per year and work about 8 months straight (rotating) of course under direction of a master electrician so they can train for the master electrician exam! A young man out of school has so many skilled trades jobs options, with the ability to start your own company and make millions. Much more opportunities than a college grad. Let that be a word of advice. If the company you work for as an electrician doesnt offer a path to advance your licence, then it's time to find another company.

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trp_dudel points 26 August, 2016 12:10 AM [recovered]

This is a common belief, but we have to parse it carefully.

Women want to marry (and subsequently not have sex with) rich men.

Women want to fuck a hot guy (regardless of his wealth).

In my line of work, I work with many millionaires who are completely beta. I know for a fact most of them are getting no pussy, at least from their wives. My bet is that Zuckerberg is getting little to no pussy right now, the scrawny looking billionaire married a hard ass Chinese pediatrician.

Money = blue pill

On the other hand, as rougepill has said, having money can make it easier to become red pill (easier to afford gym memberships, to become OI knowing you could at least get another wife, etc.)

Certainly, if you have very little money, it can be hard to be a captain. Leaky boats don't inspire confidence. But above \$40K or so, I don't think having more money helps you be red pill.

onmyownpath • 11 points • 25 August, 2016 03:52 PM*

Good job increasing your income so far. You get to the next level just like you got to this level. You increase your knowledge, skills, and connections.

One thing that cannot be stressed enough is the vital importance of income in your life. Your income is your *most valuable asset*. As you have seen going from 30k to 65k - more money means a lot more options.

Now, you probably have already made the mistake of increasing your lifestyle when your income went up. Big mistake. I am in the range you mention but I have kept my monthly required budget down to less than 5k per month. You know what that means? Freedom. I am fucking free.

I have 2 years worth of cash on hand. I could stop all income and maintain my comfortable lifestyle for 2 years. You need to be fighting for 6 months of cash on hand. Beat your monthly overhead down as low as possible. Drive less expensive cars. Drop the big TV package. Live in a place that is reasonable to your income level. Save until you have at least 6 months of cash.

Instead of wasting your time and money on bullshit that will never pay you back - invest your time and money into skills and relationships.

Look for people who have a need that you can help with. This is key. It truly is better to give than receive and the sooner you learn this the better. **The wealthier people you can help, the more you will benefit.**

It might feel good to give to the poor - but the good feeling is the only return you will see.

If you find people who are at higher levels than you and solve their problems - you will begin to profit from those relationships in ways that are completely unpredictable. I just recently had an opportunity fall from the sky that is completely unconnected to anything I was working on. I then reached out to my network and created an opportunity worth several hundred thousand dollars. It will total into the millions for the other people involved, and my cut is generous just for bringing the opportunity to the right people.

I could not have done this if I had spent the last 5 years spending my money on garbage, watching Game of Thrones, and punching the clock for 40 hours.

Fuck 40 hours. This is your fucking life man. There are 168 hours in a week. You spend around 56 of those in bed. That leaves 112 hours per week to do your thing. It is plenty of time. You need to be going to meetings, shaking hands, having coffee, asking sincere questions, figuring out what everyone you know is trying to do. Start helping them do it.

I'm not talking about helping them fix their car. I'm talking about connecting with people who are trying to build

things and trying to help them get there.

This effort will eventually all pay off. There is no overnight success. Don't think of this in terms of time and years.

Instead - fucking make a choice. "For the rest of my life I will use my time and talents to increase the quality of people I associate with and to help them accomplish their goals."

There is a lot more that can be said. The higher you move up, you will begin to have more people coming around to associate with you. You can make connections for people at levels above and below you.

This shit is really hard work but it is also very easy. This is self-improvement. This is life improvement. Put in the time. Read the books. Take the courses. Go to the meetings. Look for opportunities to help others.

People at the bottom are always "take, take, take" - people at the top are always finding ways to solve problems for other people and profit in the process. "What are you going to pay me" is all the bottom people think about. My workers just punch the clock and I give them their check. They go home and waste their lives. As long as you think in terms of "pay me" you will always be treated as a tool in someone else's bag.

If you start thinking "let me help you get there" - you will become a valuable asset. Right now you make 65k because that is exactly what you are worth to someone.

It is a fundamental law of the universe - If you take more than you give, you will end up with nothing. If you give more than you take, you will end up with abundance. If you do less than you are paid for, you end up fired. If you **always do more than you are paid for**, you will always move up the ladder of value.

And I don't want to hear any fucking crybabies saying they don't know anyone or have any connections. 7 years ago I was flat broke. Busted. In a town where I didn't grow up. With zero connections. So fuck your excuses.

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idk if we've crossed paths on reddit before but I like your style and message.

onmyownpath • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 06:38 PM

Don't think so but the feeling is mutual.

sexyshoulderdevil • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 06:16 PM

Well put.

"Stop selling. Start helping."

~ Zig Ziglar, Salesman

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 07:14 PM

Gold plated advice right there. It's also very useful to get to know people who are useful to know. Knowing the right people can make all the difference sometimes.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 08:29 PM

your MIL says:

Knowing the right people can make all the difference sometimes.

GonzoAnalyst1 points 26 August, 2016 08:13 PM* [recovered]

So maybe enlighten or 'help' other people or crybabies on this sub with more concrete examples of how you went from flat broke to wealthy in 7 years with no connections to start with.

This shit is just garbage self help propaganda with out concrete elements to it. Some of the guys that come here I assume like OP, are blue collar type guys, no family money coming their way, no trust fund, no assets and they have obligations NOW and bills that need paid NOW. That's why they ask 'what are you going to pay me?' As you describe as a stupid statement. These people don't have time to have coffee and shake hands.

'Always do more than you're being paid for?' Are you a fucking slave or just have aspergers? You've obviously never worked in a corporate setting. Without the connections or advanced degrees or certifications, doing more will just bring expectations that you do more the next time, and the next time, oh and by the way can you do more of this guys job this week he's going out on vacation?

I've advanced more in my career by not taking shit, not going along with a broken process and instead breaking thru the status quo business shit to get things done more efficiently. That's the best advice I ever received, crash through the typical business processes and cut to the heart of things.

Everyone's motto should be how do I work smarter? To get the life I want. Not how can I work harder for you, pretty please?

Establish your value in the workplace, but make sure people know you have options to take it elsewhere if you're not being compensated correctly. I don't work for my ego or for validation. I work for money. If you're not gonna help me I'm not helping you.

Also, without workers and basic labor nothing we do would be accomplished so don't step on them, bring them with you. Show them the way.

Something that involves me doing more work just for the hell of it, or the validation of it, to impress somebody? I'm walking away from it.

Why would I spend the little time I have left as you broke out your calculator for, to work extra hard like a good boy hoping someone notices and I can 'profit from that relationship.' Whatever that means.

Sounds like a lot of looking down on the little guy bullshit. Bet you had some money handed to you somewhere along the line.

'I'm not talking about helping someone fix their car ...I'm talking about connecting with people building things and helping them get there" what the hell does that mean?

You're about to give us a link to a book you just wrote containing all the secrets to unlock unlimited earnings potential right?

I'm not defined by my income. It's by far not my most valuable asset. That's not alpha. That's the definition of beta bux.

InChargeMan • 2 points • 28 August, 2016 08:12 PM

Sorry dude, your hamster is fully engaged, ownmyownpath is on point. There are 24 hours in a day, even if 8 of them are working for someone else. Anybody can put in 4-6 hours a day for themselves, plus weekends. Sometimes that time working for yourself is on the surface working for somebody else, but that is rarely the case.

My theory is that ANYTHING you do in life it should be at 110%, including pleasure and relationships. If you want to be successful career wise, you need to be become valuable to others. To do this you need to be the best. To be the best you need to practice, study, work, network, etc. at full tilt.

Essentially it comes down to being a leader or follower. If you want to be follower, you are on the right path.

I can attest that MOST of my most successful results have sprouted from little seeds that most would have seen as superfluous and a waste of time.

Polite_Users_Bot • 1 point • 28 August, 2016 08:12 PM

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onmyownpath • 0 points • 27 August, 2016 06:52 PM*

First of all: Go fuck yourself. I don't owe you shit. I just gave the keys to the fucking kingdom in my post. If you want to be a whining negative asshole and stay where you are in life - great. I just laid out for you exactly how it can happen. Lots of people react like you. That is just your own weakness.

There is no ebook or coaching. I am making real money doing real shit. I have people I mentor in real life because they did the things that I said above and then asked for my help. They don't pay me anything. Instead, I help make them a success and I am in for a cut.

Here is the thing - you talk about people not having enough time. You are a fucking pussy.

Most people work 5 days per week 8 hours per day. What about the hours of 7pm - 2am? What about the other two days per week?

For three full years I fucking ground myself into the dirt. That is what it takes.

You sound like the people asked me to go to sports games and concerts.

You sound like the people who knew what movies are playing.

You sound like the people who were talking about Breaking Bad or Game of Thrones or Walking Dead or whatever fucking waste of life shows are on TV.

You sound like the people who asked me what I thought about the football game on Sunday.

Mother fucker I don't know what movies and shows and teams are playing because **I don't waste my life watching other people live their dreams. I live MY fucking dreams.**

Those 3 years were totally worth it. I have my hands in a lot of things now. If you don't believe me I don't give a shit. I had ZERO money handed to me. I have even had to get groceries from a charity at one point in my life.

After all I have been through - there ain't shit you can tell me. And if you aren't willing to do more work than you are paid for, you will never get ahead. So enjoy your fucking average life fuckface. The work comes first THEN the results. Don't get it backwards.

You are welcome. :)

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 03:09 PM

L o fucking l.

Like this guy, much better than the other guy

GonzoAnalyst0 points 29 August, 2016 09:32 PM **[recovered]**

Thank you for the keys to the kingdom.

It all makes sense now.

Income > life.

Are the keys to a mobile home trailer?

onmyownpath • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 10:45 PM

Haha nope - my life is much bigger than my income now. The money is coming in flows. But you gotta pay the price first.

Have fun in your trailer.

more_load_comments • 0 points • 26 August, 2016 02:02 AM

Perfect post.

[deleted] • 5 points • 25 August, 2016 03:35 PM*

one of the common threads among guys who wind up here is the previously held belief that if they succeed (financially, in the careers and so on) that women will love them...

silly but its a thing .

Rich as fuck...

I can tell you I was just as comfortable on 45k as I am on several times that. I am NOT much more comfortable now...

prematureredpill[S] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 03:46 PM

I agree, I was just wondering. I said below that sometimes it comes across that to be RP, you have to make XXX amount of money and OWN YOUR SHIT, which i know is not what is meant by most.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 04:18 PM

OYS - is a mentality nothing to do with finances

[deleted] • 10 points • 25 August, 2016 03:28 PM

Wife & I make roughly 97k a year in New England

The \$ amount matters less than the way it is handled. You could be making 300k and live paycheck to paycheck.

Spend wisely, save wisely, and accumulate experiences over *things*. My wife and I are happy as fuck w/ 2 kids and we make less than 6 figures.

As for getting from 70k to 150k there are several business gurus on here and they've posted about it before - research.

Persaeus • 3 points • 25 August, 2016 06:07 PM

^ This....live well below your means and whatever you make will be enough.

[deleted] • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 05:44 PM

The \$ amount matters less than the way it is handled.

Here's the key. Add to that what kind of life you want to live. Lots of travel? Private school for the kids?

Help around the house? College for the kids? Or, lots of free time?

I'm retired at 56 but I worked really hard for many years as an expert in a niche area. It was lucrative. My

wife didn't work but she could have bought and sold me lol. She got her money the old fashioned way.....from her grandparents. That's the best way if you can swing it

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:02 PM

Lol, old fashioned way, like a blueblood

bogeyd6 • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 08:57 PM

When I started this company all I had was myself, and 200 million dollars.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 11:19 PM

And now you live in NJ and owe back taxes because no one same lives in Jersey

[deleted] • 0 points • 25 August, 2016 06:06 PM

Lol. Yeah the "bought and sold" is a quote from my MIL. Not a member of my fan club. Speaking of intemperance, she thought having four kids was a real indicator of mine. Cunt lol. I think Imma send her a card

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:16 PM*

wouldn't it be an intemperance of hers?

Hmm, you don't sound sold....

edit : they have a card for that? if not I'm about to be rich.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:36 PM

I knew you were of an entrepreneurial bent. Would be a winner.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 07:45 PM

People are still racist against the Irish like that? So antiquated

SampsonBrass1 points 25 August, 2016 08:34 PM **[recovered]**

Lol. Thank god none of the kids have red hair

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 08:47 PM

or are marrying...(holding breath) below their station...

bogeyd6 • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 09:09 PM

Lol. Marrying outside your social status is the quickest way to be disinherited.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 08:47 PM

everything old is new again.

[deleted] • 3 points • 25 August, 2016 03:51 PM*

Ha, I wish.

I make enough for me , my wife (SAHM) and kid to live in a white picket fence style house neighborhood ...kids riding on bikes, everyone keeps up their yards. With 2 cars and no car payments ,only a couple of hundred on average on a credit card if any.

What she makes from occasionally working goes to our vacation fund.

I make about 57% above MEDIAN household income (which would suck ass trying to live off of) for my city. But consider a lot of those households are single person households and it brings me back down closer to average.

While I have a retirement plan, some savings investments AND a 10 year paid into pension from my previous employer I STILL wonder how I will swing retiring...ever. What probably hamstring me a bit is while I'm good with budgeting .. I firmly believe in a work / life balance so I make sure to enjoy things that might not seem like prudent purchases (top shelf whiskey or scotch, fine cigars once a week, tech gadgetry or lowes/home depot trips for project items).

Also, I believe my family should enjoy that as well (eating out at fine dining, my wife's yoga "lifestyle", activities for the kid that cost \$\$). Within reason...and so long as the ship's running smooth.

Again, not rich, but comfortable and appreciating it while it lasts. A big medical, house/car problem could really screw the pooch.

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onmyownpath • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 04:08 PM

Or - you can begin to provide opportunities for these people and you will make much more. I know a lady who is a nurse working in a medical spa. She does botox and shit.

She makes like \$90k per year, pretty good.

The owner of the spa is making over \$200k and barely works. She is a simple person. You don't have to be a genius.

Whatever your industry expertise is, you find a problem to solve, develop an idea to solve the problem, go sell the solution, hire a developer to build it. Then grow out using your connections.

You don't need to be the developer to make a TON of money developing.

Buying time from other people is the most profitable thing in the world. Time is truly more valuable than money. If you can trade your money for other people's time you can make an unlimited amount of money.

[deleted] 25 August, 2016 04:14 PM*

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onmyownpath • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 04:18 PM

Yes that would be stupid. It would be smart to start right where he is working right now. Find out what the owner of the company or his senior management wants to accomplish. Then, start working like hell to help them get there. It will not be long before he can move up the ladder or move up into another company.

Once in a higher position at another company, he does the same thing. Eventually - HE is the man. He becomes the boss. The owner. The one making the money.

cholomite • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 04:19 PM

I make 47k but take home much less after taxes. I probably won't get many raises and will be lucky to clear 100k by the time I retire in 30 years. My gf makes 13k a year. I'm looking for some side gigs to bring in some extra cash, but I'm not totally struggling right now. Not having any kids helps. I pay most of the big bills and try to

save as much as I can and my girl buys the food and pays for date nights.

I learned pretty early on that I'll probably never be some 200k party playboy with a white Benz and sweet shades, but you don't have to be to be successful with women. I have a large family and many of my relatives are very successful. Some even clear 7 figures a year, but many of them still catch their wives fucking the kids coach, or the personal trainer...etc. Of course I also have an uncle who makes 700k, drives a nice car and constantly fucks around with teenagers behind his wife's back. She knows but doesn't want to give up the lifestyle and status of being the wife of such an influential guy in our town.

Money used to bum me out a lot, but I always think of the anecdote someone told me about who gets laid the most at Hawaiian resort towns. It's not the rich guys playing golf, it's the beach bums who work 20 hours a week at a hoagie shop and surf the rest of the time.

SteelToeShitKicker • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 04:52 PM

Ok, I'll bite. I was a software developer making about six figs. I quit to start my own business, now I'm making jack shit. Woohoo!

I'm planning on getting back into software...

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:05 PM

They have really stacked the deck against small business startups in this country.

SteelToeShitKicker • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:19 PM

Well, yes, but I also accept my fault in it. I had my own preconceived notions about what would work and what wouldn't. I persisted in believing them for too long. In the past 6 months that my T has been fixed (and the short time I have been participating here), shit has really been turning around.

If I were making what I'm making now, somewhere between 30-40k and not doing much, I'd be pretty chill about the whole situation. Towards that, I'm reducing my involvement in the business. So far, that has been good. My employees have stepped up and filled the void. Also on the plus side, I have plenty of time to lift.

We'll see how it ends up, but I have some books coming in the mail so I can brush up on my programming skills.

InChargeMan • 1 point • 28 August, 2016 08:18 PM

Who is "they"? I've witnessed no such stacking, in fact, I've found helping hands at every turn.

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 03:48 AM

Helping hands for small businesses? Are you joking? "They" are the government and the establishment.

Used to be not long ago that a man could quit his job at the factory and on his way home he could get another job paying comparable wages. That was before THEY moved our jobs overseas, and imposed the highest business taxes on American in the entire world (including Red China, Russia, and Saudi Arabia).

InChargeMan • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 05:01 AM

I figured as much, a non-answer.

I respect your RP theory and contributions, but maybe you need to stay in your lane a bit.

I've walked the walk and find most claims of "the man" against small businesses to be a hamster

trying to assign blame for failing at something or as a reason to not try.

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 03:31 PM

Look at the number of startups in this country. Look at the cost. Look at the corporate taxes. Look at Obamacare. Look at environmental regulations. None of that is hamster. All of it makes it harder to start a business in this country than almost anywhere in the world- unless you have millions of dollars to set up a corporate shell office with your workers paid 10 cents an hour in some 3rd world hellhole.

Men came from all over the world to start business in America. Now they don't. Now we have 90,000,000 unemployed people in this country- a 25% effective unemployment rate masked by social welfare programs, Obamaphones, and X-Boxes.

InChargeMan • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 06:50 PM

I'm not interested in arguing, but it is slightly ironic that you have been able to recognize and deeply understand the difference between society's BP programming and reality regarding relationships, but are content to stand firm to the same BS that is repeated as a method of control in the business world.

I'm not saying America is the easiest to be successful, because I don't have experience in other countries to compare to. But, some points to consider:

1. You mention corporate taxes for small business. Most small businesses are S-corp or LLC. These are both non-taxed entities. The owners of the company receive all profits passed through to them and it is taxed on the personal level, often as capital gains, which is lower than regular wage taxes. Again for clarity, there are 0 corporate taxes on most small businesses.

So, if your argument is that in general US income tax for citizens is too high, then that is definitely something to be debated, but outside of the specific discussion of corporate taxes.

1. The world economy is always shifting. I'm sorry that you can't make a living working in a factory doing a simple repetitive task the way your granddaddy did. That is a past economy. The US is the leading large economy for per-capita GDP, so don't use the fact that dumb labor jobs have gone overseas to justify some perceived difficulty in starting a small businesses. We are plenty productive. If you aren't competitive in today's market, you need to look inward and work on yourself, not blame others. Remember, be the top 20%?
2. We do have too many unemployed, which is a systemic problem with numerous factors that I'm not educated enough to fully understand, but ... so what? There are so many parallels to BP vs RP theory in your post I'm honestly astonished.

What if some guy came on and posted that all of his friends have trouble getting laid? They go up to women, act like a puss, and the women reject them. That has nothing to do with you. You run your race, play your game, and take charge of your life. If you tell me you have a bar full of Betas, I see a land of opportunity.

1. I know you didn't just say Obamaphone. Seriously? The "obamaphone" programs

have their roots in decades old legislation, which was significantly expanded in the Bush era. It is also not taxpayer funded, fyi. Do some research.

2. Yes, X-boxes are the reason that it is difficult to start a small business in America.

The moral of the story, BE USEFUL and other's will pay you to be useful. Start a useful business, and you will be successful. Start a useless business, and you will not be successful.

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 08:14 PM

Is this a Hillary voter who thinks the economy is peachy? I am a Trumpeteer and think it has all gone to shit. Perhaps that is the disconnect?

The Obamaphone is merely a symptom and a foil for the slave mentality and government dependence, not the cause.

X-Boxes have decreased the willingness of teens to work. Teen unemployment is at record highs in this country. Yes, social media and video games have made the business environment less favorable. This one reason why the elites are bypassing the millennials and importing millions of people from hellholes from around the world rather than hire the entitled generation.

Your Pollyanna views that if you build it they will come are nice but I know many businesses that provided value and went bankrupt in the Bush and Obama economies.

At the same time, my Dad remembers a time when walking home from a factory after getting fired meant taking a couple extra hours on the way home so you could find a new job. His father remembers a time when you could offer your services for money right out of High School and, provided you were willing to work long hours, any man could support a family of 4. No more.

InChargeMan • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 08:48 PM*

This will be my last post, in-part because changing your views has no benefit for me and also to do you a favor, hoping that you don't make any more silly posts hurting your reputation.

X-boxes: Sure, it seems that younger generations are more lazy. It may be true, but also, they said that about your generation too. Either way, completely unrelated to the point at hand. We are discussing your assertion that "the man" is holding you back from starting a small business.

Luck: Sometimes people have bad luck, but in the world of averages, that is not the case. It is unfortunate when a person has a business that fails or becomes obsolete. That is survival of the fittest, not a conspiracy. You knowing "many" businesses that went bankrupt is in itself evidence that you are incorrect about the usefulness of the business, or there were other factors that made it a failure, like poor management, execution, location, etc. Blockbuster was a very successful business, but they didn't evolve, and ultimately failed. This was a failure of their management to see the digital revolution coming and pivot to become a part of the future instead of a footnote of the past.

Your Dad's reminiscing of the past: It could be true, I wasn't there. But, I can tell you that companies, including factories, don't leave positions unfilled just waiting

for a random Joe who just got fired to come waltzing by. If other companies had persistent openings, it is an indication of there being a shortage of workers in that economy. So...What....? Quit whining and get to work.

As mentioned, the globalization of the economy has rendered menial manufacturing jobs obsolete. I'm sorry that you have to do more than graduate High School these days, but that is the reality. You (and your brethren) are so contradictory it is amazing. You don't want the government involved in our economy, but don't like it when companies reduce their costs by outsourcing. You think kids these days are lazy, but reminisce about the days when you only needed a HS diploma to get a well paying job. You blame others when something is hard but pat yourself on the back when it is easy.

Seriously, if you take BP beyond just relationship strategy into life strategy, you are squarely in the BP category. My advice is: Sidebar

[deleted] • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 05:26 PM

MMMpf. \$150K is not "rich". That's what I earn annually. It's upper middle class. It's comfortable; it is not extravagant or luxurious.

bangorlol • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:36 PM

Depends on the area, but I'm inclined to agree.

more_load_comments • 1 point • 26 August, 2016 02:07 AM

Add kids, cars, mortgage and wife that does not understand the meaning of s budget and yeah, broke as fuck.

[deleted] • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 03:47 PM

31, making \$50k a year here.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 04:23 PM

Currently making about \$60k, after years of high earnings peaking at \$250k a few years ago. Simply walked away from that career (CPA) since I was tired of the 8 to whenever grind, the politics of working at a big corp and wanted to try a more family-friendly path. On my own now. No debt whatsoever. Happier? Yep. Still trying to firm up the exact way I want to take this. Each his own. RP works in any career or lifestyle I believe.

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:01 PM*

I only make in the 50's recently starting out as a college professor but the benefits are good.

My wife makes 180K, however as a corporate lawyer in a silver slipper firm.

We started out 25 years ago as destitute students heavily in debt and neither of us even had jobs.

It really is not about the money. I think what you are seeing is that guys with money like to mention it while guys without don't mention it. Try counting all the posts that don't mention income and you have a better idea of the "typical" M-erp.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:13 PM

180 Corp law? Kind of low?

Source - friends wife is corp law.

You should definitely beat her until she makes more

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:26 PM

That is not low at all. The average salary for an attorney in this country is only in the 70's and even that figure is skewed by the few senior partners who make millions.

I have told her many times she could make LESS so we could go on vacation and relax more.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:31 PM

my friends wife is in the high three's , NYC, top...5?... firm... didn't do the whole partner track thing because she wanted babies...

He was making 45K as an attorney before he became a cop. 100+ now plus benefits. Now thats some hustle...

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:39 PM

When I was looking for an academic job I excluded New York City because it would have meant a separation and divorce. We just visited once for 2 days and she was so horrified by the pace of NYC she won't even visit. My wife working at a law firm in the Village? No thanks. There is not enough money to pay for that life. Well, maybe for a couple of years.....

[deleted] • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 05:45 PM

I told them to move out here (middle of X state "near" NY)

buying power is so much more significant. They won't do it.

They just bought a 2000square foot home with no garage, almost no yard for a bit under 800k and thats a steal. 45k in reno to make it ok to live in....

yea no.

SteelToeShitKicker • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:21 PM

Agree with this. People who aren't proud of what they are making don't post it. It took a lot of fucking willpower to post mine.

mrpCamper • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:15 PM

The type of person who participates well in this sub is the type of person who will do well in the work world. So, it's no surprise to me, that we tend to make more than average.

Advice is not to look for the short term high dollars but to look for the max in any field. Start at the bottom, or where ever you can get a foot hold, and climb towards that goal.

I make \$180K before bonuses. Other than nicer vacations and a bigger house, I live like I did when I made \$48K right out of college. Save first then live off of the rest.

I do not consider myself rich as fuck.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:15 PM

You know- for context - if I was focused on it - I would probably think all MRP guys fix their own cars and can build a house from scratch. It's more about the fact that people notice what they think are differences

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:53 PM

I'm no good at drywall. I can plumb a bit, and wiring is OK. Just can't mud a wall

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:55 PM

eh, grew up in a city big city. folks were bookish. dad could do some carpentry. I can build you a cabinet, and I know wood quality, but I try not to fuck with shit I haven't done. My time is better spent elsewhere.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:02 PM

folks were bookish

Just my type lol

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:26 PM

My brother and I make the same money. I went the uncreative path by going to school and getting into a lucrative job. He was creative, found a sales niche, and now own his own business. I've got tons of student debt, he has none.

He got where he is by developing relationships with people and gaining their trust. I stuck my nose in a book. Years later, I'm happy where I am. I have an interesting job and it's very rewarding. But school isn't the only way to make a buck

bornredd • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 05:56 PM*

I'm not in 6 figures, but I'm close. My wife is within 10% of my income.

I also live in an extremely low CoL area, so it stretches very far. There are tech hubs out there with reasonable real estate markets. You don't have to go to Seattle or NYC or SF or any of that. Austin's not too bad, some parts of New England, Atlanta, etc. There are tons of huge companies in weird middle states too, Illinois, Nebraska, etc. They are always on the lookout for top talent (Insurance carriers, various corp HQs, etc) and have hard time due to not being East or West coast locations.

The secret to increasing your earnings is this:

Realize how you can offer value to someone that they will pay for, and then sell them that value. Work at a company that is doing a major initiative in X? Volunteer to learn X. Once you do, ask for a raise and a transfer. Don't get it? Find another company that is launching X initiative and offer your services there. "But bornredd, I don't know any other companies that are launching X initiative! How do I find them?"

Dedicate 2-3 nights a month to career networking. Invite coworkers, mentors, and others to lunches, coffees, whatever. Talk to them about work and what you'd like to do. If you don't tell anyone what you want to do, and ask questions about what they do, neither of you can help each other. And help them out when you can! I have two dozen people that ask me if I know people looking for certain roles all the time because I'm willing to refer. Not within my company but others. I always give them the disclaimer that I'll help them look, but I'm not fully vetting the candidates - that's on them. It pays off too, because when I need something, they help me out.

Negotiate your salary.

YOU ONLY GET WHAT YOU ASK FOR. Anything else is luck. So ask for your money. Increase it by reasonable increments, but always ask. So what if they say no? Make a good case for it - sell your accomplishments.

Also, if you don't have kids, your finances go far.

Edit: 6 years ago I was making 35k/year after an industry switch(and accompanying pay cut). Today I make well over double that and will be at triple in less than 2 years. It was the result of working hard, learning new skills, offering my services to my (at the time) current employer in a different role (they didn't know I was capable of managing teams), asking for way more money, doing that for 4 years (with 3 raises in that time), and then

jumping ship to a vendor where I got a HUGE pay bump. From there, I made my goals clear to my new bosses, learned new skills (with accompanying raises), and asked for another promotion - got it, and another 20% pay bump. We're looking at a merger pending shortly, where I'm going to become the head of my own service line with a partnership likely to follow within a few years, all because I make my goals clear and ask for things.

[deleted] • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:01 PM*

Quit 69k for navy, bumped to 80s. Spouse does a good 60.

I did have to sacrifice when I quit, when I bought my first home etc.

Some see the money now, no one sees ramen and walking only for the year it took to save a down payment, the 189 day sailing schedule with 14 hour days to buy a car, or the similar sacrifice to leave the navy to work in Toronto.

I will be doing more, but they are just numbers... I could easily go back to 30k and love in bc doing jack shit. I like getting a higher score though.

End of the day, have to achieve something. I'm kind of liking status stuff, will roll with it until I don't want to. Eventually I'll be able to consult on my own, then I make money off of others work, instead of my own.

Pension would have been good. The liver damage and bad knees? Not so much

bornredd • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 07:02 PM

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This. Nobody sees the scrimping and saving and throwing \$1500+ a month at stupid credit card debt or student loans. Nobody sees that I've had my car paid off for 7 years and would love a new one, but that money is going into the emergency fund. Nobody sees the meal planning, the eating in every single night for 4-5 months, no babysitters (so no major couple outings) because babysitters run me \$100+ a night.

Nobody sees the shit that makes the financial success happen. They only see that now I'm debt free and happy as can be. But nobody knows the 10 years of work that went into it.

bangorlol • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 06:27 PM

I feel like this post may have been spurred by mine on the main sub. I'll elaborate on my situation:

I make \$100k or so working as a Software Engineer for my business partners startup (we're partnered on another venture). My salary is actually low for the value I add to the company, but I'm in it for opportunity and equity. I earn another \$50-60k from an application I developed that is doing well currently, and we're adding features and paid accounts to bring that waaaaaay up. The startup I work for grosses just over \$500k monthly, and my application has the potential to reach that point based on historical projections within a few months. I intend on negotiating for more equity in the next month to secure an extra \$15-20k per month as I'm worth it. It will inevitably go up around 1.5-2% per quarter until I own 10% of that \$500k monthly chunk. With these things considered, I can effectively bring my annual salary at minimum to the \$450k mark in a month, and at maximum something like \$2m. Unreal but very attainable in my position.

My cost of living is insanely low. \$900 for rent (not buying in this town - only here until wife graduates - she'll be making \$70-80k with her doctorate in a medical profession), \$60 internet, \$425 health insurance, \$300 groceries, and maybe another \$400 for car + motorcycle insurance. So like \$2k/month, plus \$6k per semester for her schooling. I'm saving and investing the rest while im in this financial incubator of a middle-of-nowhere cheap cost of living town.

As far as advice goes... Just be valuable. I know how to code well, market, run security for our apps/sites, and have a lot of business experience. I didn't go to college and got my GED after dropout of highschool like 3 times. Taught myself everything in the beginning then learned from experience for everything else.

Ninja edit: maxed out retirement accounts within a month, too. Spending time building credit currently as I've always been a "cash only" person for everything.

WhiteTrashKiller • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 07:01 PM

Major metro area here. Average between 150-160k.

COL is a large part of the income equation. By the time your done factoring in taxes insurance mortgage etc its roughly 40k right off of that. Taxes fed and state at least 35k. Investments(fuck not saving for retirement). 529 plans(why save for retirement if your children will tap into it for college). Car insurance, ugh. If you live in a cold area heating your house is a fortune. Hell milk is \$4 a gallon. Depending on the area 150k is middle class and we all know what happens to the middle class in the USA...

As for the jobs needed to attain the salary. Skilled trades pay very well, allow you to work with your hands, work with like minded men. Adopt the mindset that your time is worth something. You want me to work more than 40hrs a week you're gonna have to pay me. Then find a job that adheres to that ideology..... Lots of men nowadays do not want to get dirty for a living, there is a vaccum out there, get into it and you'll be able to determine when and how much extra you want to earn.....

WhiteTrashKiller • 2 points • 25 August, 2016 07:02 PM

[Edit]

This is not including benefits which the Dickhead of DC has caused to go through the fucking roof for everyone. No such thing as a free lunch.....

bogeyd6 • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 09:06 PM

I make a pretty substantial salary with a great bonus package in my career. Very little debt. Choosing the right career and skills is instrumental in your path to monetary success. If you are a liberal arts major, times is gonna be tight. You did not list your career, but yeah most people here make good money because we are all 30+ years old.

You didnt list your career. I can tell you that carrying yourself well as a management candidate and constantly changing companies to get better salaries is a very good way to increase your salary. For example, if you work in a department where everyone is in their 40's and have been there for 15 years, there is no hope in that company for moving up or making better pay. If you are in a department with high turn over or managers aging out, that's where you work to get your bump to management. From there you can stick it out for 1-2 years and move onto a bigger company for more money and so on. The other method is to take your chosen career and go into sales for that skill. Sales people are truly feast and famine but it is possible to earn major money if you are selling an in demand product. This is the corporate path.

As far as starting your own business, I would say. Starting with money will mean success for you.

more_load_comments • 1 point • 26 August, 2016 02:13 AM

+1 for sales, if you can sell and dream with the travel. For me it works and I get out of the house before my head explodes.

alphabet49 • 1 point • 25 August, 2016 10:19 PM

I'm at \$33k/yr, single income, living in California. Its not a pretty situation, but ya know what? I've led the fuck

out of it, and my wife is on board. In fact, she just sent a text out of the blue about half an hour ago stating bluntly how thankful she is that I work a job I don't like, and that she is on board with whatever we need to do to be successful.

I have plans that I am actively working on to make lots of money. I want to retire early, a la Mr. Money Mustache. Its a pipe dream right now, but I'm taking baby steps. I'll be going back to school in the next year. Hopefully making around \$80k by the time I start my second career.

This thread is helpful for me right now.

[deleted] • 1 point • 26 August, 2016 01:24 AM

Yes bro. I light fires with fifties

YoureAfuckingRobot • 1 point • 26 August, 2016 02:32 AM

Is it possible that there's a correlation between a successful relationship in general and making good money for a normal person? Most people commenting are taking about success to help others so it may make sense that most people helping others are from a higher income bracket and that helps them be successful I their relationships since the stress of money is removed?

BluepillProfessor • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 05:03 PM

is it possible that there's a correlation between a successful relationship in general and making good money for a normal person?

It is possible but it doesn't answer OP's question unless you assume men who come to MRP are in a "successful relationship."

YoureAfuckingRobot • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 06:19 PM

Well I'm just talking about the RPer's offering advice who typically are in a successful relationship, hence why they are offering advice and correlating that to the fact that a lot of the replies in this thread confirm most make good money.

I can confirm that people with money seem happy, but that is all I guess.

[deleted] • 1 point • 29 August, 2016 05:13 PM

stress of money is removed

false assumption

the stress of providing ends via means is never removed.