How The Increase in Seattle’s Minimum Wage Is Detrimental

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Different people have different definitions of success. Some may agree that a successful image is conveyed through wealth. Others may concur that success is portrayed through happiness and relationships with your family and friends. Either way, people’s view of success is largely dependent upon their circumstances. A business man may view success as his company having higher revenue than their competitors; while a missionary may view success as leading people to Christ. An author may view success as having her book published; while a grandmother may view success as having a happy family. Everyone’s definition of success is different- largely derived from their situations, which influences their goals. Personally, my definition of success is two-fold. In the first part, success defined would comprise of “the self-attainment of wealth, honor, and respect”. Secondly, the last part would encompass the term “happiness” in the definition of success.

Overall, I possess this view of success because it is what I value and hope to achieve in the near future. In the first part of the definition, I value self-attainment the most, but in a more materialistic manner. My goal is no matter what I do, I want to be self-made. Why? Because of the irreplaceable feeling of- I created it, I am who I made myself to be, I put forth the effort, and overall, I earned it. Next, I view wealth as a sign of success. But not any wealth, the self-attainment of wealth. People can earn wealth in many different ways. A person could inherit it, win it, was given it, or earned it- which is the method I value the most. I admire self-attainment of an individual’s wealth because it validates that they put forth the effort; they did something astonishing with their life that rewarded them through the material form of money. Not everyone has wealth, and it is not easy to earn; which is why I admire people who do and consider it a resemblance of success that they have achieved throughout their life.

I regard “wealth, honor, and respect” in the same manner. All of which derive from the idea of self-attainment. Wealth, as previously explained, I affiliate with the term success because it is symbolic of some significant event that one did in their life to earn it. Likewise, following the significant event an individual did to created wealth, comes honor and respect. Honor and respect are representative of the noteworthy accomplishment that an individual did to create wealth. Once someone has done something remarkable, or has lived an astonishing life, honor from the public eye is granted to them; it reflects the undertakings they have achieved and mastered throughout their life. Then, respect is implemented. An individual who has done or achieved some significant act in his or her life is usually rewarded for it through the form of compensation. Others around them acknowledge that, and honor them for what they did. After people have bestowed honor upon the remarkable individual, then the public grows to respect them for their accomplishments; which are henceforth reflected also in the wealth they have. It is like a circle, all the parts are interacting with one another and all referring to the same central theme- attributes of an individual’s success. Skills needed to fulfill this vary depending on the career field you are in. Personally, going into the business career field, necessary skills needed to attain wealth would be education, innovation, motivation, and desire. On the other hand, essential skills generally needed to achieve honor and respect in the business world are leadership and prestige while possessing refinement and concern. I would personally like to strengthen my skills of education. I desire to strengthen this because I am eager to learn more, in order to more effectively and profitably run a successful business later on. I joined the High Point University community in order to achieve this goal, and I know it will be done through diligent work in order to achieve a stellar education.

In the second part of the definition, success means more than material representation or other people’s reactions to what you have done. Success comes from within. It is derived from felicity. Happiness is the joyful contentment in your accomplishments and who you have built yourself to be. As long as you think you are successful, then you are. You do not need anyone else’s input. Whenever you are content in what you have attained in life, then you are truly successful. Your opinion is all that matters, you are your own worst critic. As long as you are happy in what you have achieved, then you
are, similarly, as successful as you imagine yourself to be. Happiness instills within you a positive outlook on everything, therefore it inculcates the capacity to do anything you can envision yourself doing. If you are gratified in what you have achieved then you are implementing within yourself the idea that you are successful, no matter how else the world views your levels of accomplishment. Your happiness defines how successful you think you are, which builds confidence and morphs into the success that you know you have. I plan to measure my future success in the happiness and contentment that I possess when using innovation and education to profitably operate a company.

Success means many things to many different people. The definition is circumstantial, and is individually derived from people’s experience. In my life, success would be achieved through happiness in the self-attainment of wealth, honor, and respect. Wealth is symbolic of a victorious lifestyle in your career field. Honor comes as the public recognizes and acknowledges your accomplishments. Respect follows as others individuals have reverence for someone’s undertakings. Overall, success in these fields should be attained under your own perception of self. If you are not content in what you have achieved, then you can never consider yourself successful, no matter how highly others regard you.