

June Edition: Overcoming Perpetual Adolescence



America's Future and Perpetual Adolescence

As the then-president of Midland University in Fremont, Nebraska, Senator Ben Sasse recently recalled when he felt shocked by a sudden revelation as he served. What had alarmed him at the university? Well, we'll let him answer in his own words:

"What shocked me about the experience of arriving at the school is that overwhelmingly the incoming students had never worked before. They'd never done any hard labor. They just never really had to do any work of any kind," Sasse said.

As millennials, we raise our eyebrows and cannot deny his words: Many of our peers have not had to work in comparison to other generations (i.e. the Greatest Generation). Societal restructuring (and just plain sin) carved a sharp change in the base curve of America's work ethic.

Fact: Work and responsibility assist in character development. Many of today's young adults have been cheated by other generations who enabled them to play yet not learn about the value of hard work. That's right: Many millennials have a resulting deficit in knowing the innate values of work, discipline, and responsibility. Hence, we see a lack of character as well.

Of course, we know there are exceptions. And we thank God for that! However, our fellow millennials need to discover what is good for them. It's scary that most 18-24 year old young men spend most of their waking hours playing video games. In essence, millennials have been taught a lie that people can play now and pay later. But the reality is that everyone needs to *pay now and play later*.

Wake up, America: Young adults need to grow up. Our country desperately needs responsible leaders, businessmen and women, and a strong workforce. (One fabulous lifelong resource is to read and apply the book of Proverbs.)

In this edition, we urge you to read our featured article this month by Linda Holub, watch this informative interview between Bill Kristol and Senator Ben Sasse (click on the image below), and [enter to win](#) a copy of *The Vanishing American Adult*.



With that said, we feel the reality of the need, but we also feel the reality of hope! We thank God that there remains bright hope for the future for every person (of any age) who turns to Him, and He can change hearts.

So don't give up. Do your part to lovingly guide your kids and grandkids in the right direction (even if they initially struggle to appreciate it). Remember, change for the nation begins right here at home.

With prayer, kindness, and hard work, we can help others emerge empowered to live life to the fullest...and as happy, working adults.

God bless you always,
Carrie Stoelting and Stacie Stoelting
Sisters and founders of [Unite the USA](#)

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Operation Honor Heroes



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On Memorial Day, many people receive a huge reality check: Heroes do pass away, and we do need to honor them. Today. Right now.

Our national effort, Operation Honor Heroes, makes it easy to give tribute where tribute is due. Military families can send in pictures of their relatives who have served (both past and present). We will post the pictures online with the name, rank, and branch. That way, thousands of Americans will have the opportunity to thank our heroes! [Click here](#) to see our tribute to veterans page.

Veterans are America's stars who have more than earned their stripes. We are on a mission to urge Americans to honor and thank our heroes. Thank you for joining in our passion to give heroes the honor, respect, love, and attention they more than deserve!

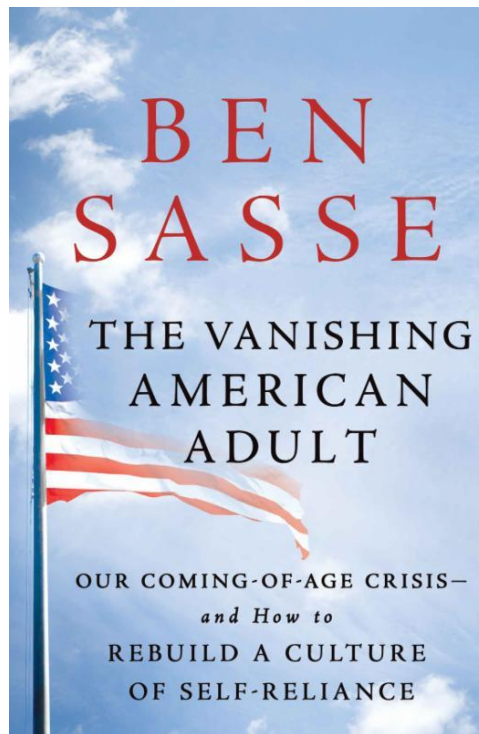
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Instructions

We would appreciate the opportunity to honor your loved ones who have served. We will post a picture and accompanying information on our web site and social media. Thank you so much!

1. E-mail a picture of your loved one who served to info@unitetheusa.org.
2. Include your loved one's name, military branch, rank, and years of service.
3. Let us know if you would like other key information shared as well.

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*The Vanishing American Adult***



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Featured Quote

"We've created this new idea that you can have a greenhouse-sheltered environment for two, three, or four years. And it's great. It's glorious. And yet it's always been a transitional state. It's not supposed to be Peter Pan. You don't want to be stranded in Neverland. It's [akin to a version of] hell if you don't get to become an adult." -**Senator Ben Sasse**



This Month's Bible Verse

"Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

"Why are many millennials attracted to socialism?"

By Linda Holub

We need only to revisit the 2016 presidential election to confirm many millennials preferred Sen. Bernie Sanders, an avowed socialist, to free market capitalists. Did they get the full picture of what a socialist society looks like? What they heard loud and clear were the words "free," "fair" and "equal." Is there something in the way America has nurtured our children that lends toward an attitude of entitlement?

America's foundation of a free society is built on the engagement of all society in the economy, initiative, entrepreneurship and personal responsibility. In socialist societies, the elite make the rules for the masses, thus stripping away individual freedoms. Senator Sanders promoted free health care, free education, and relief from college loan payback, which encourages an attitude of irresponsibility and loss of initiative.

What Sanders did not talk about is what socialism looks like in actuality. Cuba, for example, is no longer a classic socialist society because it wasn't working; recently it turned toward a mixed economy with some elements of capitalism. Socialism fails because it cannot financially support all the social programs for the masses. Prior to recent reforms, Cubans were denied private property rights. With socialism comes scarcity of commodities and greater poverty. Poor human rights records permeate many socialist countries.

Sir Winston Churchill, former prime minister of Great Britain, fought socialism within his country for 50 years. He understood it took away individual freedoms and would not lead to prosperity for the populous. Churchill revered America's constitutional governance. Thus far, socialism has yet to yield prosperity for the masses.

I think some of what has attracted young millennials to socialism is the idea of equal distribution of wealth; the wealth gap in the world offends their sense of fairness. Perhaps the shrinking job market and burgeoning student loans have created a level of hopelessness that has led millennials to Bernie Sanders and socialism. Experience teaches that blessings given without working for them are valued less than those using the sweat of our brow. In a socialist society there is no benefit to the individual to invest greater effort, greater excellence, or innovation, so incentive is lost. This is not a path to personal prosperity. Is this a world you want to live in?

Ben Sasse, senator from Nebraska, has written a book that may give clues as to why millennials are susceptible to socialism. He questions the current culture of parenting in his book, "The Vanishing American Adult: Our Coming-of-age Crisis and How to Rebuild a Culture of Self-Reliance." The book discusses the dangers of delaying adulthood into the late 20s.

Sasse writes: "Lowering expectations, cushioning all blows and tolerating aimlessness not only hurts them, it also deprives their neighbors, who desperately need their engagement."

In my experience, delaying adulthood encourages dependency, idleness, prevents growth of resiliency, initiative, self-confidence and the mental toughness necessary to successfully navigate adulthood. Millennials have grown up surrounded by bubble wrap, "participation trophies" and "safe places" free from an opinion they disagree with.

Today's accepted norm is remedial classes for college freshmen to prepare students for college-level study. Sasse found that about one-third of college freshmen do not return as sophomores.

When do they learn to navigate challenging situations which are always a part of life?

Overprotective parenting, or "helicopter parenting," has led to 30 percent of teenagers reporting feeling sad or depressed (American Psychological Association's 2014 "Stress in America" survey). Christian Smith, sociologist from Notre Dame, reported the prevailing feelings of young adults are "personal struggle, confusion, anxiety, hurt, frustration, and grief" ("Lost in Transition: The Dark Side of Emerging Adulthood," 2011). This kind of parenting coddles kids and gives them the impression they are the center of the universe, to their detriment.

Coddled youth are primed for an ideology that removes any responsibility for their circumstances. Experience taught me that free things are devalued, so why promote that expectation? Some millennials want fairness in all aspects of life. All people are flawed and treat people unfairly at times. If we practiced the godly principle of treating others better than ourselves, the results in society may yield more fairness.

Sasse promotes the idea of building five character traits:

- 1) Give youth more exposure to intergenerational experiences and break away from the tyranny of their peers.
- 2) Develop a work ethic.
- 3) Embrace limited consumption, don't overindulge in meaningless luxury.
- 4) Travel to learn about other cultures - discover what subsistence means.
- 5) Learn to read great literature.

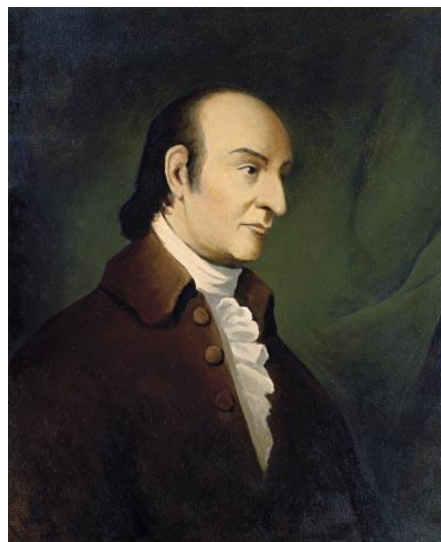
Perhaps it is time to rethink our parenting styles.

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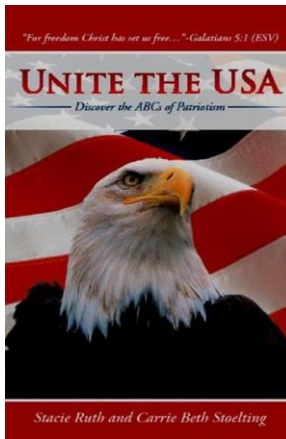


Featured Founding Father



George Wythe (pronounced WITH) (1726 - June 8, 1806) was the first American law professor, a noted scholar and judge from Virginia. He was a strong opponent of slavery as well. George Wythe was the the first of the seven Virginia signers of the U.S. Declaration of Independence. He served as one of Virginia's representatives to the Continental Congress and the Constitutional Convention. George Wythe mentored notables such as Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, and Henry Clay.

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