

Assignment: Reflect on the following questions:

1. Is the ability to create wealth important to you? Why or why not?

By the proxy of personal independence and personal flexibility being important, I'd say that the ability to create wealth is immensely important. Wealth to me is a tool to achieve an end outcome or chain of outcomes. The more wealth I can generate faster, the faster I can make those decisions and steps that both address the present as well as prepare for the future.

2. How do your beliefs affect your ability create wealth?

Currently, my personal beliefs are in a bit of a flux due to the competing nature of them. There is one side that seeks to be aggressively conservative with resources which is currently suppressed to swallow the bitter pill of school costs. At the same time I have a belief that any future gains come from prior investment of some sort which tends to orient me towards attempting to make choices that would be tolerable today for a better future tomorrow or months/years down the line. I also field the belief that wealth is a tool, which tends to act as both a blessing and a curse when it comes to creating wealth since some choices end up costing me wealth.

3. What is the greatest barrier to creating wealth that stands in your way?

At this point in time, the only barrier that limits my ability to create wealth is the also the same investment that is intended to create future wealth, my university education. The system and degree often gets in my way and impedes a lot of my machinations to prepare grounds for wealth generation, but at the same time I'm far too invested to alter course at this point in time. The best I can do at this point is to continue preparing the ground for those who come after me so that they have an easier time generating more opportunities.

4. What stands out to you, feels new to you, excites you, or challenges you from this lesson?

The close alignment of my view of wealth as a tool to the view that is taught in lesson 5 of Who Owns the Ice House intrigues me a fair amount. What intrigues me tho is the remark that regardless of all the redistribution of the world, wealth will flow in the same pattern. I guess the challenge that should be taken from this chapter is that in order to find a comfortable place somewhere along that flow of wealth, I need to solve the problems or desires of others.