

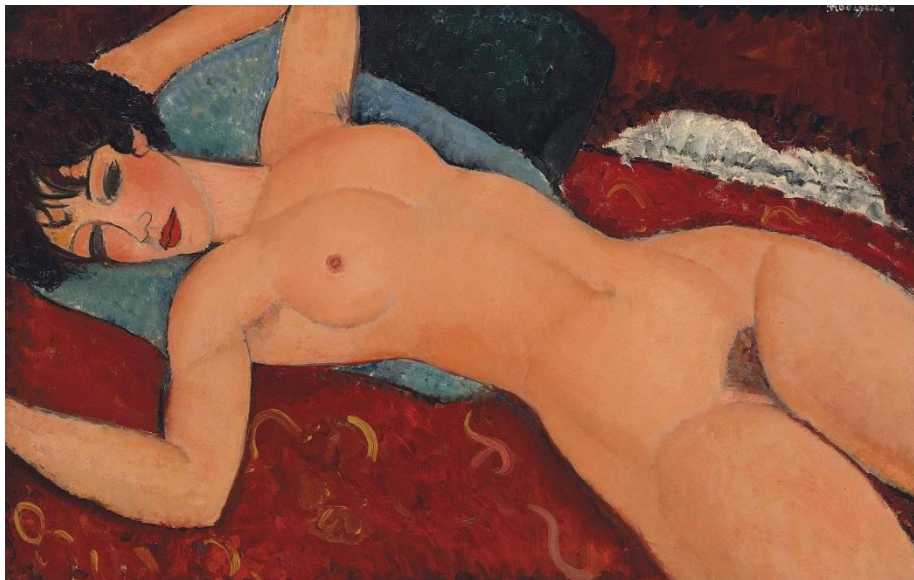
Winners and Losers, or Success and Failure (November 2023)

A WINNER, COLOSSAL SUCCESS



Net Worth: \$1.2 Billion

A LOSER, ABYSMAL FAILURE



Died in poverty at age 35. The next day his eight months pregnant wife threw herself out of a fifth-floor window, killing herself and her unborn child.

A century later one plutocrat sold this painting to another for \$170.4 million.

A WINNER, COLOSSAL SUCCESS

Net Worth: \$2.5 Billion

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A LOSER, ABYSMAL FAILURE

Died of syphilis at age 31.

Never able to receive an income as a composer, he worked as an elementary school teacher to earn his sustenance.

Wrote 1,500 compositions, among which 600 Lieder, 600 pieces for the piano, 40 masses, 20 operas, 13 symphonies, more than 20 quartets and quintets, trios and duos.

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