

## Becoming a young **tycoon**? I can only dream...

What distinguishes extremely successful millennials from the miserable, broke masses? According to those who made it on to the 2019 Forbes 30 Under 30 list, it's good old "passion", "vision" and, most importantly, "**grit**".

tycoon 巨头; 大亨

grit 勇气; 决心

Of course, there are ways to make it to the top these days without having a small loan of \$1m from your father, as Donald Trump did. The richest entrepreneurs on the Forbes list, for example, secured funding from investors.

But privilege goes beyond having extreme sums of cash. With **social mobility** in the UK **stagnating** amid years of **austerity**, taking risky career moves is even further beyond the grasp of those who weren't born into hotshot families.

social mobility 社会流动性

stagnation 停滞; 滞止

austerity 紧缩; 朴素

nigh 近乎; 几乎

It's not just that it's **nigh** on impossible for young people to achieve extreme success – the process of trying to do that can be problematic too. Recent studies show that many young adults are spending over six hours a day feeling stressed about their futures, and that 60% of 18- to 24-year-olds are struggling to cope with the pressure to succeed.

On the **flipside**, young people needn't be too demoralized. **Stricken** as we may be by economic factors, most of us will live longer. The UK already has the worst work/life balance in western Europe, and as we're in it for the long game, maybe we should rethink our priorities.

flipside 另一方面

stricken 受折磨的; 遭殃的

Grit, vision and hidden privileges may work for the overachieving few, but the odds are stacked against the rest of us. We should not be made to feel bad about failing to set up multimillion-dollar tech companies, or becoming **floppy**-haired indie film **heartthrobs** (like those on the Forbes list) by our 30th birthdays.

floppy 松软的

heartthrob 激情; 心跳