

# Portfolio 2: Individualism and the Lost of Unity in Society

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The premise presented in the book on which this essay is based on, basically is talking about a social and philosophical term called *individualism*. The presence of this concept in humanity's history dates back to the industrial revolution. Before that event it was unthinkable to even survive without the help of others. Each society node was hardly bonded with the rest of the structure. When most of the work started to get automated people could stop depending on others to do most of their activities. This continued increasing until this day.

One of the advantages of individualism is to do what you want when you want to. You can not only survive, but to live a carefree life until you die. Also, because the same capitalist structure of society, this kind of thinking strand is the best to exist in a highly competitive world. This is a reactionary ideology, having the capability of a swift response to basically all of the problems you and every person could ever deal with, because of a needless consensus and only thinking first on you than in others.

On the other hand, the individualism spreaded in a lot of the aspects of life has become the origin of a lot of our problems as a society. A great example is the lack of social interaction. This is a highly remarkable point in today's society, being seen in how people try to avoid dealing with other persons. A simple but yet accurate example is sending text messages instead of calling directly another person. I've known a lot

of people with this kind of issue. But the biggest direct problem is the depression created by this ideology. Humans are meant to interact with other people since the beginning of our species, is part of our essence. By being capable of perfectly living without human interactions people can easily fall into blue, ironically, having everything.

There is a Japanese term created for people taking individualism to the edge of society; this people is called *hikikomori*. They live and die completely alone and locked in their houses. They absolutely never go out. The only reason people know they are dead is because the morbid smell coming from their department.

Utterly in matter of good or bad I can't make any assumption on this subject. The society is always evolving and none of our past ideologies was the best or was mistakenless. This is the path progress has taken and while it might end up being another obstacle in our way to the pinnacle of the society development, the best thing we can do is to criticize and analyse this kind of thinking strands to get the best of them and improve the weak points, try to clean up the fog in our judgement to always try to get the best possible end up.