The **American Dream** is a national [ethos](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ethos" \o "Ethos) of the [United States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States" \o "United States), the set of ideals (democracy, rights, liberty, opportunity, and equality) in which freedom includes the opportunity for prosperity and success, and an upward [social mobility](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socio-economic_mobility_in_the_United_States" \o "Socio-economic mobility in the United States) for the family and children, achieved through hard work in a society with few barriers.

The definition of the American Dream is "life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement" regardless of [social class](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_class_in_the_United_States" \o "Social class in the United States) or circumstances of birth”.

The American Dream is rooted in the [Declaration of Independence](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Declaration_of_Independence" \o "United States Declaration of Independence), which proclaims that "[all men are created equal](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_men_are_created_equal" \o "All men are created equal)" with the right to "[life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life,_liberty_and_the_pursuit_of_happiness" \o "Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness)."

A report on public opinion show that working hard is the most important element for getting ahead. However, an increasing minority stated that hard work and determination does not guarantee success. Most Americans predict that achieving the Dream with fair means will become increasingly difficult for future generations. They are increasingly pessimistic about the opportunity for the working class to get ahead; on the other hand, they are increasingly optimistic about the opportunities available to poor people and to new immigrants. Furthermore, most support programs make special efforts to help minorities get ahead.

The Chinese Dream describes a set of ideals in China. It has four parts:strong China,civilized China,harmonious China and beautiful China. In which China regaining its position as a world leader in science and technology as well as in economics and business; the resurgence of Chinese civilization, culture and military might; and China participating actively in all areas of human endeavor. All citizens, rural and urban, enjoy high standards of living.

The Chinese Dream is about Chinese prosperity, collective effort, socialism, and national glory. It can be interpreted as the collective consciousness of Chinese people during the era of social transformation and economic progress.

It is used by journalists, government officials, and activists to describe the aspiration of individual self-improvement in Chinese society.

[Xi Jinping](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xi_Jinping" \o "Xi Jinping) called upon young people "to dare to dream, work assiduously to fulfill the dreams and contribute to the revitalization of the nation,to cherish the glorious youth, strive with pioneer spirit and contribute their wisdom and energy to the realization of the Chinese dream.”

The Chinese dream is more based on collectivism rather the American dream is more focus on individualism.(The Chinese dream is more abundant in content.)

The Chinese dream and American dream have something in common.For example,both of them based on their own history,religion,culture and current development situation, they stresses the importance of pioneer spirit. the Chinese people have similar dreams as those of the American people,with the same hopes and dreams that : to have a better life, to give our children an even better life,the next generation do better than the previous generation.