

Success has many friends

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Essay

Life is all about toil and struggle. Individuals set goals and strives for their accomplishment. However, people around those individuals expect them to be successful. If they do not succeed, they are ridiculed for not putting needed effort. While, the individual who succeeds, even after putting little effort than the counterpart, he is praised by everyone and his success is celebrated. This is the reason the saying goes that "success has many friends". It is because success often brings attention and support from others due to the benefits it has and the desire of people to associate with accomplished individuals. Success has many friends in various ways — its representation as a symbol of inspiration. Successful individuals are replicated by the other aspiring individuals. Many people associate with successful individuals for the benefits that it brings. However, along with many friends, success also brings a dilemma of differentiating between opportunists and those who support truly. Besides this, success

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has many friends which clear from the fact that success of individual is celebrated by many while individual has to cope with failure alone.

The essay would now define how and why success has many friends in many ways and the benefits that success brings.

First of all, success is represented as symbol of inspiration. Individuals get inspired from those who succeed in their life. People who want the same fate, want to follow the way that a successful individual followed. For instance, people often mention Bill Gates, as source of inspiration. This is because he is considered a successful individual who defied all the odds and became successful. Hence, success has many friends because it is represented as symbol of inspiration.

Similarly, the drive to replicate successful people attracts more friends. People want to replicate successful people in order to succeed. However, people forget that every single medicine

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cannot cure all diseases. However, people still replicate successful individuals. They replicate the formula of successful candidate in order to reach destination. This is why success attracts many friends.

Besides this, successful people act as role models in society, which becomes immediate urge of people to follow them. They are invited to share their success stories with people from which aspiring people get inspiration and strive for success. For instance, successful people write their autobiographies and their life stories to influence people. This becomes yet another reason of success having many friends.

Furthermore, success acts as an evidence of hardwork and struggle of a person. People are influenced by the hardwork and struggle of success people. It acts a lesson that inspire the aspiring. In other words, journey of success is a tool or an example which act as a bridge between a person's aspiration and destination. People praise hardwork and struggle of a successful person, even if he was born with

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a silver spoon. People only see success but not the journey. If person succeeds, it is seen as an evidence while a person who fails, is ridiculed. This makes a success having many friends owing to the hardwork and struggle.

Moreover, success becomes highlight while failure becomes ignominious blot. The journey is admired once one reaches the goal while one is ridiculed in case of failure. Thomas Edison, who invented bulb, was celebrated when he became successful, but he was ridiculed when he failed in several attempts. The failure to invent bulb was an ignominious blot on Edison until he became successful. It was the reason that won him friends. It was not Edison who won friend but, it was his success that had many friends. In other words, success has many friends because it becomes highlight.

Moving on, failure is considered as struggle, only if a person succeeds in his life. While, a person who struggled hard than

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his counterpart, but could not get of the mark, is neither encouraged nor admired. The society uplift the already uplifted. For instance, society remembers and celebrates the winners and even publish them in the text books while the ones who fail to win even after giving their best are not even mentioned. This is yet another reason of success having many friends.

To add further to this, success has many friends because people only salute rising sun. It means people recognize and reward the efforts of those who are in their ascent. While those who are in despair or in rough phase of their life, are ridiculed for not reaching their destination. Society rewards to already rewarded - these are at least norms of society. This leads to success having many friends.

In addition to this, people associate themselves with successful individuals and act as they played role in the success. People proudly

associate themselves and boast of having played role in career of certain successful individuals. While society tends to disassociate with those who fail. It has been norm of the society where people befriend successful for getting the benefit of person's success. Hence, it is fair to say that success has many friends.

The essay would now take a cursory glance of the behaviour of people who see benefits of association with successful individuals.

A cursory glance of the facts shows that success has many friends because they offer resources. People tend to see them as stepping stone to achieve their destination. A successful individual is surrounded by many friends because he is seen as useful resource to be used by opportunists. While some people associate with successful individual for genuine support. This is yet another reason why success has many friends.

Another reason of success having many friends is because successful individuals offer networking. This is same as discussed about offering resources. However, this is profoundly different because the successful individual is seen as a bridge between a person's goal and a person. He offers networks which people use to get their work done. His influence is used to ease the process of success by people.

Some people also associate themselves to enjoy the reputation and status of successful individual. There is astronomical gap between the status of a successful person and a common person - the gap is fulfilled by just the association with successful individual. Society views the successful individual and a common individual with discrimination; however, the discrimination is decreased when a common person has association with a successful individual. This is also the reason why success has many friends.

The focus of essay will be shifted to discuss social validation that success brings and herd mentality which brings many friends.

According to human behaviour, it is commonly believed that struggle is only valid, if it produces success. Otherwise, it is just the waste of time and energy. Success is the only evidence of struggle — if it is validated only, if it produces ample results in the end. The efforts and struggle get true social validation after the success. When struggle gets social validation, successful individual is naturally befriended.

Another significant argument of success having many friends is that the success is amplified on social media. It brings many people to the person who succeed. The medium of social media creates hype of even insignificant success. Even strangers reach out to

the successful individual. It is for this reason that success has many friends.

Finally, success is further glorified when it is used as an example before aspiring individuals. The success is so glorified that people are naturally astonished and fascinated and start following the person. The example makes success as a magnet which attracts people. It becomes a natural process where success is surrounded with many friends.

Now that the answer to the questions of why and how does success have many friends has been answered. It is vital to discuss the dilemma of genuine support and opportunism in the phase of success.

Interestingly, the dilemma of differentiating between genuine support and opportunism arises when a person is surrounded by herd of people. A successful individual

develop the ability to recognize who is there for genuine support and who is there as an opportunist. It is extremely important in order to know who is a true friend.

Secondly, a person must handle success with due care. It is an unfortunate fact that some people who succeed are unable to handle it and ultimately provide harm to either their lives or people around him. Taking sessions with experts in psychology proves to be instrumental. Hence, success should be handled cautiously.

Lastly, a successful individual must keep professional and personal life completely separate. A kind of balance should be created in two areas of life. Both should go smooth simultaneously. There are successful individuals who leave their family far behind in the intoxication of success. Success must not intoxicate personal life of a person. This is why the two areas must be kept separate.

To cut the discussion in short, it can be said that success has many friends because of the fact that it brings support and attention from others due to the benefits it has and the desire to associate with accomplished individuals. Moreover, it also acts as a magnet which attracts people to itself, the drive among people to replicate the successful people, and success as an evidence of hard-work and struggle. Success also has many friends because it brings or offer benefits to people in the form of resources and networking. Most of all, it gets attention because of amplification on social media, which influences other people. It also attracts more people because of the social validation, it gets. A successful person is exemplified in the society. These are the major reasons of success having many friends. However, a successful person must develop the ability to deal success with caution.