

Risk is always better
than regret

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Essay.

Edmund Dantes faced two options: live a life of regret or risk everything and become the most influential person in Paris. He opted for the latter and became the Count of Monte Cristo in Alexander Dumas' masterpiece. Dumas explored the opportunities his character got when Edmund Dantes decided that risk is better than regret. There are several reasons why risk is always better than regret. Risk takers make decisions that are likely to increase

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their chances of success. Conversely, regretting can effectively reduce all these chances to zero. Similarly, risk takers are likely to explore all available options that provides them an edge over the regretters. Those who take risks are always proactive and their decisions can lead to phenomenal outcomes. Attaining destiny is one such outcome that regretters can never obtain. Risks can lead to social change that is instrumental for shaping the future. Even if the desired outcomes are not met, riskier decisions are better than regrets ^{of} ~~over~~ not taking any step. In order to minimize regrets in risky decisions, capacity building and learning from previous failures can significantly improve the outcome. Despite the chances of failure, risks are always better than regrets. Certain steps can be incorporated to make the intended outcome more beneficial even in risky decisions.

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Risk is always better than regret as risk takers make decisions that increase their chances of success. The outcome of a difficult situation can either be in an individual's favour or not. Risk takers will make decisions whereas those who deem risk as an added danger will simply give up. Such a situation is best illustrated in a simple game of cards, particularly poker. A player with a bad set of cards could simply back out or could take a risk and keep on playing. If he backs out, he will lose; however, if he takes a chance and continues playing there is a probability (albeit very low) that he will win. Hence, the mere probability of being able to win, makes in tricky situations, makes risk a better choice than not making any choice and regretting over it.

Just as risky decisions increase the chance of a favourable outcome, they enable the risk taker to explore

available options. Many times, the available options are obscured ~~due~~ to an individual's narrow vision. But, this can change if the element of risk is brought it. In dangerous situations, risky decisions can lead to the development of a trump card. Such a trump card was invented during the Second World War - the Atomic Bomb - after the United States' decision to start the Manhattan Project.

This decision was a very risky one given the hard and financially constrained time of early 1940s. Yet, it led to the invention of such a bomb that ultimately led to the end of Second World War. Hence, risk is always better than regret as it opens up

the frontiers of one's vision as illustrated by the risky behavior of US in second world war.

Exploring all available options can be linked to the attribute of proactiveness that always leads to a learning experience for the risk takers. The ability to be a proactive risk taker always results in

advancement of the over all agenda of the risk taker. Even if he fails to meet his ultimate objective, the amount of learning he underwent during the process is unparalleled compared to a regretter. Stephen Covey speaks volumes on the proactiveness of a risktaker in 7 Habits of highly Effective People. According to him, the increase in a proactive person's circle of influence is the ultimate win. Thus, by inculcating the habit of proactiveness in a risk taker, risks are always better than regret.

(Conclusion)

To sum up the discussion, Risks are always better than regrets as risk takers are more able to attain success than those who do not take risks. Taking risks opens up hitherto unseen opportunities. Risk inserts the appreciable trait of proactiveness in its takers. Unfathomable success and destiny can only be attained if an individual chooses risk over regret. Moreover, social

change is always secondary to a primary risky behaviour. Even if risk does not lead to ultimate goal, it is better than the regret of not trying. Regrets can be minimized by ensuring that odds are in the favour of the risky activity, and by learning from previous unsuccessful ventures. In all important decisions of life, an individual has to decide for or against risk. Avoiding risk ~~is~~ may be deemed wise, but living in regret is definitely worse than not trying. ~~When~~ One can seek wisdom from the legendary British Prime Minister, who said 'Success is not final, fear is not fatal; it is the spirit to continue that counts.' Therefore, one must make the best of one's circumstances and keep on going on despite the risks.

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