



**Independence and  
Individualism  
of Young People in America**



Americans hold **independence**  
**and individualism** in high  
esteem.

Parents try to instill these values in their children.



The first step toward personal independence is having own room.



# Children

have own room →

have privacy →


learn to be responsible for  
their own living space.

Youth people are encouraged not be “**tied to their mothers’ apron strings**”.



Young people want to “stand on their own two feet”





The first step to establishing autonomy is working for money outside the home.



Young people know “value of a dollar”.



Some ten-year-olds mow their neighbors' lawns.



Slightly older children may deliver newspapers ...




... or babysit.



Young people study and work. They want to pay for their education.





Young people want to assert their independence. They are free to choose their career.