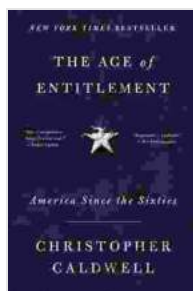


# The Age of Entitlement: America Since the Sixties

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The entitlement mentality is a serious problem that needs to be addressed. We need to teach our children that they are responsible for their own well-being. We need to restore the work ethic to our culture. And we need to reduce the size and scope of the welfare state.

### **The Roots of the Entitlement Mentality**

The entitlement mentality has its roots in the Great Society programs of the 1960s. These programs were designed to help the poor and disadvantaged, but they also created a new sense of entitlement among many Americans. These programs taught people that they had a right to certain benefits from the government, regardless of their own efforts.

The entitlement mentality was also reinforced by the civil rights movement of the 1960s. The civil rights movement taught people that they had a right to be treated fairly, regardless of their race. This idea was later extended to other groups, such as women and gays and lesbians.

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## **The Negative Consequences of the Entitlement Mentality**

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The entitlement mentality has led to a decline in personal responsibility. Many people today believe that they are not responsible for their own well-being. They believe that the government is responsible for providing them with a good job, a nice house, and a comfortable retirement. This belief has led to a decline in personal responsibility and a decrease in work ethic.

The entitlement mentality has also led to an increase in dependence on the government. Many people today believe that the government is responsible for solving all of society's problems. They believe that the government should provide them with healthcare, education, and housing. This belief has led to an increase in dependence on the government and a decrease in self-reliance.

The entitlement mentality has made it more difficult for the government to solve problems like poverty and homelessness. The government cannot solve these problems on its own. It needs the help of individuals and communities. However, the entitlement mentality has made it more difficult for people to help themselves and their communities. This is because the entitlement mentality teaches people that they are not responsible for their

own well-being. They believe that the government is responsible for solving all of society's problems.

## **How to Address the Entitlement Mentality**

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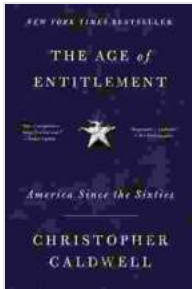
We need to teach our children that they are responsible for their own well-being. This means teaching them the importance of hard work, saving money, and taking personal responsibility. We also need to teach them the importance of helping others. We need to teach them that they have a responsibility to help those who are less fortunate than themselves.

We need to restore the work ethic to our culture. This means valuing hard work and rewarding those who work hard. We also need to discourage laziness and dependence on the government. We need to create a culture where people are proud to work hard and achieve success.

We need to reduce the size and scope of the welfare state. The welfare state has created a culture of dependency and entitlement. We need to reduce the size of the welfare state and make it more difficult for people to receive government benefits. We also need to create more opportunities for people to work and achieve success.

The entitlement mentality is a serious problem, but it is one that we can solve. We need to teach our children that they are responsible for their own

well-being, restore the work ethic to our culture, and reduce the size and scope of the welfare state.

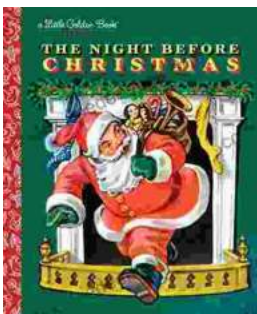


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