

Independence vs. Independent

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There is a huge difference between Independence and Independent.

Total Independence is just *not possible*. Nothing can be accomplished either as an individual, a group or a Nation without assistance from someone or something else.

Self-confidence, knowledge and an ability to attain a goal contribute towards being independent but that goal is not reached without the help of teachers, tools and events.

With that support, a state of responsible independence that meets the needs of others as they are meeting our needs, is possible. A harmony of give and take – a reliance – and where there is a reliance, there is dependence.

From birth to demise of a person, group or Nation, it is impossible to survive without the impact of outside influences.

Acts of inter-dependency make for a more cohesive society while still enabling an independent lifestyle, free to make one's own decisions – and suffer or enjoy the consequences.

No, I don't want my independence. It would be very lonely and not much fun.