

Laws of Life Essay

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The laws of life I pride myself on are my integrity and character, especially, family, respect, and work ethic. I believe that they are crucial for a healthy, happy, and successful life. People like Jackie Robinson, inspire people like me, that you can have everything you ever wanted while maintaining your integrity. One Jackie Robinson quote that stays in the back of my head is, "I'm not concerned with your liking or disliking me... All I ask is that you respect me as a human being" (Robinson). This sums up how I live my life, we don't need others to like us, just maintain basic respect. That you do not have to put yourself above others, make deals, shortcuts, or lie just for your well-being. I continue to strive for what I want because of people like him, who are an example of how even though you may not fit in, it does not matter and it can push you to be even greater. My dad's side of the family is from XXX and XXXXX. He came from XXXX, and he arrived here knowing no English, and no family with no money after being a refugee for years. Now he supports his family, a wife, five children, and four grandchildren, with limited to no help from others. He runs the show at XXXX XXXXl, with most of our family working there. They followed his example by starting their own lives here. He works with his kids, cousins, aunts, uncles, and even my older brother. Now he can support everyone. He is currently in his late sixties and still works every day. He doesn't take a day off, and when he gets home, he babysits his four-year-old granddaughter. My grandfather, my personal Jackie Robinson, has taught me true strength, resilience, work ethic, and determination means and how opportunities are always available. How patience leads you to success and that you can truly accomplish the impossible. More so, he has taught me the importance of family and heritage. In a world full of corruption, greed, and violence, it is important to recognize that anyone can make a monumental mark in history by being hardworking. I hope my future pursuit of law, can allow me to support my family, and finally let my grandfather's sacrifices, hardships, and constant leadership for his family can end with retirement and serenity.

I know that life is different for everyone and that each person has their ambitions and priorities. However, as technology has developed and media spreads, I believe that greed, money, popularity, and misinformation have taken over. Society is caught up in useless and meaningless lifestyles, leading to mental health issues that are becoming increasingly high. If people began to take life for what it is, family, friends, enjoyment, happiness, exploration, and self-worth instead of dependence on others, ignorance, selfishness, money, and fame, everyone would be happier. These laws of life that I try my best to maintain in the world would benefit everyone.

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