

DECONSTRUCTING THE

SELF-MADE

Myth

THE MYTH

The "Self-Made Myth" is the false assertion that individual and business success is entirely the result of the hard work, creativity, and sacrifice of one individual with little or no outside assistance. This myth has many powerful implications on public policy.

I DID IT ALL MYSELF!!!

THE INCREDIBLE, INDUSTRIOUS SELF-MADE MAN

RAG TO RICHES!

GET GOVERNMENT OUT OF THE WAY!

SMARTER!

LEAVE THE JOB CREATOR ALONE!

BOOTSTRAPS!

THE REALITY

The reality is that individual and business success is a result of individual effort AND public investments—including schools, roads, laws, and countless other taxpayer supported institutions and services. Not to mention luck, various head starts in life, and the contributions of others—it all contributes to individual success.



TRANSPORTATION



TIMING



INTERNET



RESEARCH



COURTS & RULES



PUBLIC EDUCATION



PATENTS



LUCK



GOVERNMENT REGULATION



INFRA-STRUCTURE



INNOVATION

PUBLICLY EDUCATED

PATENTED AN IDEA

USES INTERNET COMMERCE

RELIES ON AIR & ROAD TRAVEL

DEVELOPED A PRODUCT MADE POSSIBLE BY GOVERNMENT-FUNDED RESEARCH



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RESPONSIBLE WEALTH

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