

OBSERVATION

IT PAYS NOT TO BE TOO SUCCESSFUL IN CANADA

In most parts of Asia, one is punished, harshly, for financial failure in business, regardless of the circumstances, which brought about the situation: Financial failure can often mean ostracism from one's community.

In all parts of North America, one may seek protection under the law when faced with a financial failure in business, thereby obtaining a benefit from one's advertised ineptitude, regardless as to whether or not that ineptitude was born out of design or accident: Financial failure in business can be wiped clean, thanks to the law, and with this cleansing, so the individual is given a '*social bath*'.

One could say that North America is more forgiving than Asia in respect of people who, for one reason or another, fail in business.

Conversely, one is rewarded, financially, when one is successful in business in all parts of Asia: One may be revered for accumulating large sums of money; and, government officials may pay homage to the successful businessman/businesswoman.

In all parts of North America, however, one is penalised by government for being an outstanding success in business: Taxes rise steeply for the successful businessman/businesswoman so that it could be said that the punishment for success is extracted by taxing success, very harshly.

This is most pointedly witnessed in Canada.

The result of this dichotomy is that, in Asia, there is an impelling and nagging drive to be financially successful, while in North America, and especially in Canada, there is an impelling and nagging reason for one not being too successful in business -- or, at least, not making a show of financial success.

One wonders whether or not this situation inhibits entrepreneurialism in Canada, especially, and causes the mass of the working population to embrace a socialistic form of government, tending to lean more and more towards Communism.

Conversely, one wonders whether or not, in Asia, due to the heavy stigma, attached to financial failure, criminality is a natural byproduct; whereas, in Canada, especially, pride of accomplishment, at '*beating the system*', is the cornucopia, with friends, mutually commiserating the '*success*' of the financial failure.

Or, is this the cynical approach to the situation?

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