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My parents who came here to the United States from Vietnam believed that they were coming to a land of "freedom". They believed that here in the United States that they would have a better life compared to the one back in their homeland, Vietnam. However, here in the United States, we have to work in order to earn money. We need money to buy food, clothes, houses, apartments, cars, vans, and so much more. Do we have a choice to not work? No, we do not have the freedom to make the choice of working or not unless we plan to live as a homeless person, which most of us do not want to become. The government gives you no choice but to work in order to live a "better life", as compared to the life my parents had in Vietnam.

As humans in this economy system, we need to have money in order to purchase the items we need or want. But how do we obtain money? We need to work, work, and work. More than half of your lifetime will be spent working, working, working, and resting due to exhaustion from work. Is this freedom? Is this lifestyle any better than the lifestyle my parents had back in Vietnam? Perhaps it is in a way. However, at the same time, it really is not. My parents still do not have the control of what to really do with their lives. They cannot go to certain places because they cannot afford to because of their job. Although some people may argue that there are more opportunities in the United States, there are also more requirements here in the United States. The government mandates Health Insurance, so everyone is required to have Health Insurance. This is not "freedom" because we do not have the choice or whether or not we think we need Health Insurance. Likewise, it is not "freedom" that we have to work in order to earn money. Of course, there is the option of stealing and shoplifting. However, that is not a wise choice unless we want to end up in a jail cell.

Once we purchase items, we also have to pay taxes, which is to help fund a lot of things.

Some examples of what taxes fund are public goods such as parks, libraries, roads, and restrooms. However, if we had the choice of paying taxes or not, most of us would not because we do not desire the things that the taxes fund. In fact, for some of the taxes that we pay for, the money goes to roads that we might never ever use. Also, what if we do not need to go to the library when we could just purchase the books that we want from Amazon or buy it from Barnes and Nobles? In the United States, we do not have the freedom to choose to pay taxes or not. It is mandatory that we all pay taxes from whatever we purchase and from whatever we earn from working. Also, the government controls what the taxes pay for. There would be more freedom to this country if we were to have the choice of where we want the money of our taxes to go to. However, we do not have that choice. We do not have that freedom.

Aside from not having the freedom to decide how we spend our money, we also do not have the freedom to work at wherever we want to because there are certain requirements that have to be met before. For example, one cannot work at a hospital as a doctor without having been through medical school. Another similar example is that a person cannot work at a law firm as a lawyer without having been through law school. Certain jobs require you to go through certain graduate schools first. On a deeper note, some of us do not have the freedom to go to graduate schools due to how expensive it is. We cannot afford it. We need money in order to go to school to make money. It is an investment and a risk.

As you can see, the government controls most of our lifestyle. We have to go to work to earn money. We spend most of our days at work and another part of our day resting from work. We have to earn money in order to purchase the items that we need or want. The United States is often called "The Land of Freedom" from other third world countries, but in reality, the United States do not give its people "freedom". We have to pay taxes for which we do not have a choice

of where the money goes toward to. We cannot obtain certain high paying jobs because we do not meet certain requirements like having attend graduate school.

In my opinion, the government is needed in order to maintain order and keep chaos to a minimum. Preventing chaos would be ideal, but impossible because humans are crazy creatures. However, I do not think that government should control what we spend the money we earn on. One example would be taxes. I think that we should have the choice of whether to pay taxes or not when we purchase an item. Furthermore, we should also have the choice of what the money we pay taxes should go towards, whether it is parks, public libraries, or roads. I also disapprove of the fact that our income is taxed. I believe that our incomes should not be taxed at all. We have worked hard to earn the money, so why should that money be taken away from us? We do not even have the choice if we want our incomes to be taxed or not. Not having a choice in where our money goes is basically stripping away a part of our freedom. Although we do have some freedom, the government controls a huge part of it.

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