

**Society is obsessed with being the best. To what extent is this true of your society?  
(Lynnen)**

**We should be concerned with society being obsessed with being the best. How far do you agree?**

introduction:

In a highly globalized and interconnected world today, people prioritize efficiency, productivity and results in the different aspects of society, such as work, studies and the economy. We pay more attention to the end-product we or others achieve such that we strive to be at the top, regardless of the negative consequences such as health implications, poorer social networking and loneliness. This has sparked the debate about the extent of this observation in our society, which can be determined via the motives behind this drive to be the best as well as the type of environment we live in that can shape our lifestyle and mindsets.

My answer:

**In a meritocratic society like Singapore, it is connatural for Singaporeans to hold this mentality to strive for the best as being the best is a very dominant value of this society with a competitive ethos. There are many circumstances that will shape many to understand the significance of this mindset but there is still a controversial debate that our society is obsessed with being the best and this is worrying. In many ways, we cannot deny that the values, behaviors and expectations of many Singaporeans are influenced by this modern belief but this is a complete reflection of our society. It is therefore interesting and essential to examine the extent of the validity of the observation as a true explanation of modern society.**

Point 1:

With the high competitiveness brought about by the Asian cultures in Singapore such as meritocracy and the fear of losing which are explicitly taught (perceived) during family upbringing, people are cultivated to be ambitious which ~~can lead to poorer relationships with people due to the fighting spirit in us.~~ **shaped our devotion to this belief.**

EOA1:

While it is true, we also should recognise that family's Asian cultures and values are diluted due to the influx of modern values and ideas into people of the new generations, which makes the impact of family upbringing less influential in our mindset and behaviors. **(must explain why such a value is not representative of society - as cultural and ethical values of society is ingrained in us)**

P2:

With a large majority of people who are more educated, they have more capacity to produce the best results, hence are self-motivated to be the best by devoting more time to build the best self ~~despite knowing that it could exploit their physical and mental health which is too big of a price.~~

~~And possess the capabilities and this shapes their values to see excellence and achievement as significant in life, striving to be the best,~~

EOA2:

~~However, we do need to understand that the obsession to be the best might not be excessive as there is a need for it to drive innovative solutions to critical problems in society, especially in the healthcare sectors. With more efficient and effective creations, we can then tap on them for self betterment.~~

Such a view is not a complete validation as there are many complex explanations to define how values in life are determined as the values of the world are changing our mindsets too.

(dangping as a social value influenced by China)

P3:

~~With the highly advanced technology and greater diversity, we are exposed to a wider range of perspectives which subconsciously forces us to think critically, hence increasing the maturity of our thoughts.~~

EOA3:

~~While that is valid, we should recognise the fact that the rise and great use of social media lead to faster spread of immoral and unethical behaviours, hence people's potential is constrained by wrongdoings.~~

Conclusion:

In view of the above discussion and thorough examination of the driving forces to be the best and the consequence of this unnecessary need to be the best, this essay agrees to a large extent that the society is obsessed with being the best. Despite the weaker family upbringing of values, the society is still competitive and this will reinforce the need of being the best in order to stand a higher chance among the rest or to gain a competitive edge. This is explicitly shown in Singapore's economy, though it is small but it is still comparable to other larger countries such as the USA. Hence, society is very obsessed about being the best.

P3:

advent of tech make us more competent give us the sense of competency that make us think that we can solve the problems

does not apply to all as some people not incline to tech then not influence