

Social Justice in the Post-Affluent Society

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Operating under the assumption that the current technological revolution will result in increased unemployment due to smart machines being used in roles traditionally occupied by humans, this article addresses how societal promotion of communitarian pursuits over affluence will lead to increased social justice. A greater reallocation of wealth can be expected when communitarianism thrives because social bonds create a sense of obligation to support less endowed members. Furthermore, even though the shift to a post-affluent society has not yet occurred, millions are already committed to pro-social pursuits and are demonstrating that when people of means embrace social justice, they are willing to share more readily. *[Article copies available for a fee from The Transformative Studies Institute. E-mail address: journal@transformativestudies.org Website: <http://www.transformativestudies.org> ©2017 by The Transformative Studies Institute. All rights reserved.]*

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The article spells out the reasons and provides evidence in support of the hypothesis that if the culture of a society shifts from one that extols affluence to one that extols communitarian pursuits—major gains for social justice will become much more probable. An obvious reason to expect that this hypothesis will hold true is that the more members of a particular social grouping view each other as members of the same

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