

Eighteenth-century philosopher David Hume (as paraphrased by Rabbi Jonathan Sacks): “Our sense of empathy diminishes as we move outward from the members of our family to our neighbors, our society, and the world. Traditionally, our sense of involvement with the fate of others has been in inverse proportion to the distance separating us and them.”

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, *The Dignity of Difference: How to Avoid the Clash of Civilizations* (London: Continuum, 2002), 30.

Nineteenth-century sociologist William Graham Sumner: “Every man and woman in society has one big duty. That is, to take care of his or her own self. This is a social duty.”

Sumner, William Graham. “What Social Classes Owe to Each Other”, 1883. New York: Harper and Brothers. 98

In the 1980s, scholar and activist Chuck Collins gave the half-million dollars that he inherited from his family to charity. Collins told journalist Ian Parker: “Of course, we have to respond to our immediate family, but, once they’re O.K., we need to expand the circle. A larger sense of family is a radical idea, but we get into trouble as a society when we don’t see that we’re in the same boat.”

Ian Parker, “The Gift,” *New Yorker*, August 2, 2004, 60.



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“I love my daughters more than my nieces, my nieces more than my cousins, my cousins more than my neighbors. But that doesn't mean we detest our neighbors.”

French politician Jean-Marie LePen, quoted in *The New Yorker*, April 28, 1997

“A hundred strangers arrive at a town. They are met by the mayor, councilors and local residents. The mayor says: “Friends, we welcome you. It is good to have you among us. Sadly, as you can see, there is no country house where we might accommodate you. There is, though, something we can offer you.

...We have a patch of empty land: large enough to accommodate homes for all of you. We have bricks and materials. We have experts who can help you design your homes, and we will help you build them....Let us do this together.”

- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks

Excerpt on three parables for integration in his book, *The Home We Build Together: Recreating Society*. Bloomsbury Academic. 2009.



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Who we are, and the extent to which we are human, depends on how human everyone around us is. “At the base is a basic human dignity that needs to be respected...

In many parts of this country, the opposite of poverty is not wealth. In too many places the opposite of poverty is justice. We will ultimately not be judged by our technology and design, we will judge the character of our society by how they treat the poor. That is when we’ll understand truly profound things about who we are.”

- Bryan Stevenson. Lawyer, and the founder of the Equal Justice Initiative.

Excerpted from “All of our survival is tied to the survival of everyone” TED blog, March 1, 2012. <https://blog.ted.com/all-of-our-survival-is-tied-to-the-survival-of-everyone-bryan-stevenson-at-ted2012/>

Successful people have a social responsibility to make the world a better place and not just take from it.

– Carrie Underwood, musician

Businesses should be focused on business, and social responsibility should be government responsibility

– Terry Gou



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Corporate social responsibility is measured in terms of businesses improving conditions for their employees, shareholders, communities and environment. But moral responsibility goes further, reflecting the need for corporations to address fundamental ethical issues such as inclusion, dignity and equality.

“We - the current generation – have a moral responsibility to make the world better for future generations.”

– Priscilla Chan

“I think you have a moral responsibility when you’ve been given far more than you need, to do wise things with it and give intelligently”

- Author J.K.Rowling,

Quote in article “Duchess of Cornwall asks J K Rowling for Harry Potter Magic” for *The Telegraph*, March 2011.



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"If you ask me what is the most important thing that I have learned about being a Haudenosaunee, it's the idea that we are connected to a community, but a community that transcends time.

We're connected to the first [Indigenous peoples] who walked on this earth, the very first ones, however long ago that was. But we're also connected to those [Indigenous peoples] who aren't even born yet, who are going to walk this earth. And our job in the middle is to bridge that gap. You take the inheritance from the past, you add to it, your ideas and your thinking, and you bundle it up and shoot it to the future. And there is a different kind of responsibility. That is not just about me, my pride and my ego, it's about all that other stuff. We inherit a duty, we inherit a responsibility. And that's pretty well drummed into our heads. Don't just come here expecting to benefit. You come here to work hard so that the future can enjoy that benefit."

Rick Hill Sr. (Tuscarora)
Chair, Haudenosaunee Stabding Committee on NAGPRA

<https://www.pbs.org/warrior/content/timeline/opendoor/roleOfChief.html>

"The Peacemaker taught us about the Seven Generations. He said, when you sit in council for the welfare of the people, you must not think of yourself or of your family, not even of your generation. He said, make your decisions on behalf of the seven generations coming, so that they may enjoy what you have today."

Oren Lyons (Seneca)
Faithkeeper, Onondaga Nation

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"We really do see ourselves as part of a community, the immediate community, the Native American community, but part of your nation and the Confederacy. And if you have been given responsibilities within that structure, you must really attend to those responsibilities. You start to think in terms of the people who come after me. Those faces that are coming from beneath the earth that are yet unborn, is the way we refer to that. They are going to need the same things that we have found here, they would like the earth to be as it is now, or a little better.

Everything that we have now is the result of our ancestors who handed forth to us our language, the preservation of the land, our way of life and the songs and dances. So now we will maintain those and carry those on for future generations."

G. Peter Jemison
Faithkeeper, Cattaraugus Reservation
Seneca Nation

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