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Building African Women's & Youth Movements and Forming International Sisterhood

The Strength of Being Self-Reliant versus the Weakness of Being Dependent

1. The strength of being self-reliant is that it gives us the power to make decisions in our own interest.
2. The weakness of being dependent is that we have to do things that are in the interest of the people who gave us the aid and most of the time these things are not in our best interest.
3. The strength of being self-reliant is that we develop our own organizational capability.
4. The weakness of being dependent is that we depend on other people's organization.
5. The strength of being self-reliant is that we are taking responsibility for our own well-being.
6. The weakness of dependence is that we give someone else the responsibility for our well-being.
7. The strength of being self-reliant is that we can change things in our best interest.
8. The weakness of being dependent is that we cannot change things in our best interest.
9. The strength of being self-reliant is that we take advantage of all our resources and creativity.
10. The weakness of dependence is that we waste our resources and do not develop our creativity.
11. The strength of being self-reliant is that we work hard in our own interest.
12. The weakness of being dependent is that we become lazy and don't develop good work habits.
13. The strength of being self-reliant is that we gain confidence in our ability and we have dignity.
14. The weakness of being dependent is that we become beggars, feel inferior, and lose our dignity.
15. The strength of being self-reliant is that we will develop enough to solve our problems and someday even help others solve the same problems.
16. The weakness of being dependent is that we will never be able to help ourselves and therefore we could not help anyone else.
17. The strength of being self-reliant is that we can unify Africa without anyone's permission.
18. The weakness in being dependent is that we will never unify Africa because it is in the interest of those who give us AID, for us to remain weak and divided.
19. The strength of being self-reliant is that we set an honorable example, an example that our youth can be proud of.
20. The weakness of being dependent is that it is the worst example for our youth.
21. The strength of being self-reliant is that it leads us to the emancipation of women and of all of the people.
22. The weakness of being dependent is that it is a continuation of the oppression of women.