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Clint Eastwood

Success is easy to attain as long as you enjoy what you are doing. We are born with some wonderful natural abilities to see, to hear, to learn and to develop. People logically want to achieve their goals in life; success, power, influence, popularity and happiness. Clint Eastwood, for example, is the best illustration of it. He is said to be a person who worth the word ‘marvelous’ of all era. Experiences and trial and error are the main factors to help people get those goals. Doing one’s best and practicing are also required as well. Innovative ideas also drive to the social standard changing because they could potentially influence people to change their sociological taste.¹ Moreover, to achieve our goals, many people would overlook real happiness in life. Giving back to the society is the important thing which we, as a human being should do to show our responsibilities.

Clint Eastwood or Clinton Eastwood Jr. is one of the most renowned and powerful persons in the U.S.A. He was born on May 31st, 1930 in San Francisco, California. He is an actor, producer, director and composer. Now he is 82 years old and experiences in acting since 1955. He is unarguably the icon of macho (masculinity) or cultural icon among movie stars and he has become a standard of international cinema. He acted in a TV series “*Rawhide*” in 1959 after he had an idea

¹ Wikipedia contributors. “Taste (Sociology).” *Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia*. 4 Sep. 2012 <[<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taste_\(sociology\)>](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Taste_(sociology))

to give up. He has been interested in politics and was once elected mayor of California State in 1986.² Clint, as other ordinary men, also has reputation in bad way and he accepted them and said *"I don't mind telling a dark side."*

We normally hear the word 'try' as an encouragement and a support of any action. It makes us get more experiences and know what we want or like. In order to succeed, one needs to be sophisticated by collecting as many experiences as possible. Most people are usually afraid to fail even though failure is unavoidable while working. On the other hand, it can be the opportunity to give us a lesson to learn from those errors thoroughly. If we once have mistaken, we will automatically know and try to find ways to avoid and solve them. People also need practicing and doing their best to achieve what they want. Clint Eastwood is one of them who learned from his experiences while acting in Rawhide but failed. As a result, he changed the characteristic style in acting and successfully gained the popularity with his performance in Dollar trilogy,³ which is successfully influential of all film genres. He, as a director, is also famous in his ability in filming in the first shot, creating the rapid films and keeping budgets under control. *"There are a lot of great movies that have won the Academy Award, and a lot of great movies that haven't. You just do the best you can."* according to famous Clint Eastwood.

Clint Eastwood, after he unsatisfied his show in Rawhide, decided to change his character style to be unconventional in the Dollar Trilogy. He was the main factor in creating innovative and different movie, The Man with No Name. *"In Rawhide I did get awfully tired of playing the conventional white hat. The hero who kisses old ladies*

² IMDb. "Biography for Clint Eastwood." *The Internet Movie Database*. 4 Sep. 2012 <<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000142/bio>>

³ SWDB. "The Dollar Trilogy." *The Spaghetti Western Database*. 22 August 2010 <http://www.spaghetti-western.net/index.php/Dollar_Triology>

and dogs and was kind to everybody. I decided it was time to be an anti-hero." In order to eliminate his image of Rawhide, he started to act in the expressive and anti-hero style which surprised and attracted the audiences. The trilogy was initially limited to make available in the U.S.A. but they were all successfully earned great attentions from people after releasing. They undoubtedly affected the movie stars standard since that era until now. It means that innovative ideas can lead to the changing of social phenomena by influencing humans' mind and attitudes while humans' minds are easy to influence. If majority of the population prefer a new changing, they will tend to change the perspectives and create a new social standard or model. In another word, innovation can change the world and affect our cultures.

Caring about human rights and equality, Clint Eastwood has been saying to be a true respectful artist as he always respects others and makes them feel comfortable while working. As a director, he treated people equally and allow the actors to perform and express themselves without using the storyboards, either the script background for allowing the audiences to be involved to the story and provide only necessary details in his movies. He does not only concentrate in works, but also care about the societies and human rights. He cares about animal rights and consequently donates his money to many charities to support them. He has donated to the AIDs/HIV and cancer curing centers for children and for providing houses to animals.⁴ Moreover, he cares about justice and world peace as he always expresses himself politically without attempting to retire even though he is currently at age 80s as he said *"Everybody wonders why I continue working at this stage. I keep working*

⁴ Look to the stars. "Charity Biography" Look to the stars, the world of the celebrity giving. 2006-2012 < <http://www.looktothestars.org/celebrity/1571-clint-eastwood>>

because there are always new stories. ... And as long as people want me to tell them, I'll be there doing them."

Clint Eastwood has changed the world in many ways; changing the social models, concerning about human and animal rights including being an ideal example for people. He is the ethical and successful movie stars icon who achieves all the goals which are successes, power, popularity, influences and happiness. He has worked hard to produce many great works for others to see and think back of the world. He has been fighting for his interest in politics and trying to guide the country to the better way for satisfying people, even though he has received bad comments for what he is asking for. But we would not get the goals if we did not start doing anything by ourselves and not hard enough. This is why Clint Eastwood is the icon of masculinity, the quality that a mankind should have, that makes Clint be the hero of all time.