

Questions for The Price of Privilege Ch. 1

Part I: Take notes on the reading using the following questions as a guide:

1. What type of patient does the author say she is dealing with more and more often as a therapist of adolescents in an affluent suburban community? How is this type of patient different from what one might expect? (In other words, how do these new patients look different from what she is used to seeing?) What exactly, do these adolescents say is wrong with them?
2. What are the more problematic aspects of the parenting style often seen in affluent communities? How does this parenting style create or contribute to the problems her patients are struggling with? And what important aspects of adolescent growth are stunted by this approach? There is a lot said on these questions. Make sure to capture the various points the author makes on these issues.
3. What does the author mean by a “false self?”
4. What is the difference between parental support and parental intrusion, according to the author?
5. What does the author mean when she says that parenting looks more like a “business endeavor” than an “endeavor of the heart?”

Part II: Reflect

1. To what extent is the author revealing problems that exist in our culture, amongst students here at CC? How so and/or how not? To what extent do you personally connect with what the author is saying? Respond to one, the other, or both of these questions. Write at least 1 full paragraph (6 sentences minimum).