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When America was founded on the principals of democracy the hope was that the common man, would be able to overcome adversity through sheer drive and talent. That their unfortunate circumstances would maybe even aid them in ~~that~~ uncovering their talents. Though this idea may seem ~~more~~ plausible to some, I believe that ~~unless~~ unless it's a really extraordinary person, ~~over~~ adversity will actually hinder a persons talents.

Those that argue that adversity ~~can~~ actually uncover otherwise unknown talents in a person usually argue that the persons ~~unfortunate~~ circumstances will give them unique insight and drive to uncover their talents. That if they didn't experience danger or misfortune or financial hardship, they wouldn't have ~~the~~ been in the right position to uncover their talents. In essence, this is the classic rags to riches story. For example, there's Susan Boyle. A not particularly social or popular person, some may say even an outcast to society, ~~who~~ ^{Boyle} overcame immense hardships to eventually gain ~~a~~ 15 minutes of fame on the X Factor.

In my opinion, however, people like Susan Boyle are not only the exception but also a breed that would've found their talents maybe even sooner, had it not been for their adversity. In the book The Outliers, the author discusses how people like star hockey players and

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Bill Gates achieved their successes. His argument was that it's a matter of being in the right place at the right time with the right talent and drive. In essence, luck & opportunity. For example, Bill Gates was born into a fairly well off family, and ~~was therefore~~ therefore sent to a private school, where he had the opportunity to work on one of the ~~most famous~~ nearby universities' computer lab with some friends. This is where he developed his talent with computers. In the book, even Gates admits if he didn't have access to those computers, he probably wouldn't have been able to do what he has done. In other words, if Gates wasn't fortunate enough to have come from a wealthy background, and instead come from adversity, he wouldn't have discovered his talents. Despite people's optimistic ideals about adversity, the reality is that in order to succeed, you need some help. If you are in ~~an~~ adverse position, you simply don't have the leisure to hone your talents. You're just trying to survive.

Now, I'm not saying that no one can discover a previously unknown talent as a result of adversity. There will always be some that can. ~~For example~~ people like Susan Boyle, however don't

can't, because Susan had singing talent naturally. In some form or another adversity or luck, she would've found that talent. I'm talking about those who overcome adversity and truly learn something about themselves. Take for example, this one YouTube video I saw. It was about this boy with muscular dystrophy who uses his adverse conditions to spread awareness, and to hone his musical talents. He is one who some could argue wouldn't ^{have} ~~had~~ discovered his talents had he not had his adverse conditions, nevertheless, those people are rare.

If we know that adverse conditions don't ~~do~~ help guide our talents, and more often than not hinder us, then why do ~~we~~ ^{so many} continue to believe so? I strongly believe the answer is hope.

Those who are struggling need to hold onto the hope that something good will come out of it. The reality, however, is that talents need resources to be honed. That is why it's so important for underprivileged kids to get a good education, for the government to give everyone a voice, for communities to support each other, for producers & directors & content hosts to scout out talent to take under their wing. If we don't help each other, then we're truly ~~losing~~ missing out on the talents of those in adverse conditions. ~~at least~~ I think that the best example of

Now, thousands of women from all over the
world have made huge
impacts on our world with
their talents.

This idea is the feminist movement.
Until women were encouraged to ~~be~~
~~make~~ careers for themselves, America
lost out on HALF the country's talents.
~~And~~ All in all, adversity is a
hindrance on talent.