

Blending Into the background

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Have you sat in front of your television set with your eyes glued to the screen and began thinking that what your government is doing now is certainly not in the best interests of the people? Do you cherish the thought that you can have weapons, food and emergency supplies stored up in your home in case things get out of hand in the future? Do you actually think that at some future date our infrastructure is going to collapse and life as we know it will be ever different than it is today? Do you have alternative plans for bugging out when the SHTF?

If you are in agreement with these questions than you and I are thinking on the same track and possess similar mindsets. It is interesting to understand that you and I may agree as to many different scenarios that may take place however not everyone is of a similar mindset.

Bill down the street may not believe that the average man should have the right to maintain their own firearms while Sally the loyal democrat who lives next to Wawa's is a firm believer in the redistribution of wealth to those who do not have the necessary funds. Everywhere we look we are likely to discover hundreds of people who are completely opposed to our chosen lifestyles.

This quickly brings to mind the idea that perhaps we should not disclose too much of our prepping plans to strangers or not so trustworthy friends. It would seem best at this point that we not let everyone in on our little tips and warnings.

You're probably scratching your head and asking why should we not reveal what we have accomplished in our preps and possibly convert a few neighbors to prepping in the process? The point to be made here is whether your neighbors are like you or do they follow the guidelines of Bill, Sally or a host of other folks who are completely opposite of what we believe in?

The key to surviving is to blend into our surroundings. We must attempt to be like the majority of the people around us. Our first goal is to blend into our society. We must look and act just like our neighbors. To do otherwise would likely destroy any options we would have towards keeping our family safe and sound in our home once that balloon goes up.

It will not be easy to survive in an urban environment as it is. Marauding gangs will be roaming the neighborhoods looking for easy pickings and you can be those pickings if your neighbors know of your stash. Believe me they will quickly relay that information to those who want such items that you have.

A silenced tongue could increase your chances of surviving those upcoming bad times. You can readily survive those barbaric times if you prepare yourself ahead of time and follow some simple advise prior to the collapse of our civilization.

Have you ever watched someone's face as you tell them you are a survivalist? You might as well have told them that you are involved in a revolution. They look at you as if you are an outsider coming to raid their home and molest their families. The word survivalist or prepper immediately places us as some sort of criminal element that is anti-society and could be the downfall of mankind.

To you and I we know what we are, however to the non-preppers they do not. This tends to re-enforce our idea that we should try and stay under the radar in order to increase our chances to survive during bad times.

The good Samaritan may actually be hurting his chances of survival and with his chances go those of his family. It is a natural tendency to want to help others in times of need however people don't think normally during those times, We would like to give a few cans of food and some water to our neighbors as the SHTF but to do so will generate increased hate and dislike towards you. We as preppers and survivalists will become greatly hated and despised when the SHTF. People will simply hate us even if we try to help them. They will despise us because we are prepared with plenty of food, water and supplies to survive the bad times. We are prepared and that makes us different in their eyes since they in turn have nothing.

People have been robbed and their families killed because of such hatred. Homes have been burned to the ground merely because a man had extra food and gave some to his neighbor weeks prior to a disaster taking place. The questions posed by these intruders were that you knew this was going to happen or why didn't you tell us this would happen. They will use every excuse imaginable to justify their actions. They will accuse you of stealing your supplies and that is why you have so many.

If you plan to bug out or stay in place be sure not to appear as a stranger. Being a stranger is a dangerous undertaking. I once read that a man purchased land in the hills of Kentucky to use as a emergency retreat and later found out the people thought of him as a stranger since he only went to his house maybe once per year. Don't become a stranger. If you own a retreat be sure to visit it as much as you can. Meet your neighbors and become familiar with the nearby town. Remember when the SHTF these people will be blocking the roads leading to their town. Know them by name and make certain they know you as well.

Speaking of blending into your surroundings, do not be fooled that you are succeeding in your quest to blend in. You might go to the local church on Sunday or contribute to the yearly county fair with cans of apple sauce or jellies to be auctioned off but you can still be viewed as a stranger. If your neighbors know you as a survivalist or prepper, they will still think of you as an outsider when the SHTF causing you to be placed into a dangerous situation.

Try not to be "A know it all" type of person. Never discuss your survival strategy with others nor try to talk them into joining your survival plans. Don't attempt to prove that others are wrong and that your way is the correct way. This will only provide more

animosity towards you causing future endangerment. Let others live their life as they see fit. The old saying, "live and let live" plays an important role in this aspect of survival.

On the rare occasion that I discover an individual who I deem worthy of conversion, I may mention some preparedness objectives to him and see how he feels about it. If I discover the least resistance, I call it quits and never mention it again.

In conclusion, I hope that everyone has got the principle plan that I was trying to make that we should reduce our footprint in the mainstream environment. If we do not, we will stick out like a sore thumb and attract nothing less than hatred and resentment. Leave these people alone, if they are not likeminded and merely blend into the environment. When you do find those, who think as you do cherish these people well for they are the ones you want to bond with.