

Relational Needs Hierarchy of Needs

I just watched the Wiki video a couple of hours ago. I must say, the man with the accent brings up an interesting point. "Poverty is lack of friendship." If you're not familiar with him, Abraham Maslow was a psychologist in the 20th century who is famous for his Hierarchy of Needs.

<http://www.legalcybertips.com/images/Constitutional-Rights-And-Maslows-Hierarchy-Of-Needs.jpg>

In a sense, the Hierarchy of Needs is what we've addressed in class. But it's fascinating that the middle one is the Need of Belong. Belonging is such an interesting concept. Always has been, always will be. You watch cartoons about the nerdy kids in school and how they try to belong with the popular kids. Eventually, what they find at the end of the episode is that they don't need to be "cool." Rather they need to be an individual. But how can you be an individual if you never belonged in the first place? And the answer is this: you can't.

Isn't it interesting. We live in a world of wireless internet, Instant Messaging, and iPhones. Human connection now comes at the touch of a button, yet more people than ever before are claiming to be lonely and depressed. Or at least, this is why people in the affluent %20 of the world's population are depressed. The poor are depressed because they lack security, food, and shelter. But it makes for an interesting comparison. Great suffering creates great bonds. The people of Haiti are dying together, but here in the U.S., we seem to be dying alone.

Makes you wonder why we can't just come together to fill each other with our needs.