

## **Doing It My Own Way**

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Every new generation wants to do things differently from the generation before it. This problem repeats itself from generation to generation.

When I was younger and living in Russia, my father used to have many problems with me. But his first problem was that he wanted me to study hard in high school and he wanted me to continue my education by going to college. He told me to look at him. He said that he had graduated from two colleges and that now he had a good job. He was right, but I did not want to study! I didn't like studying. Instead, I went to a factory and got a job as a mechanic. I liked this job and I made good money. I chose to do it my way.

Then we came to America and my father said that I had to learn the language quickly and find a job. He said that I didn't have to go to college here. He said that since I hadn't gone to college in Russia, I couldn't study in America. He told me to forget about college.

However, again we disagreed. This time, I said that there was no way that I was going to forget about college. I told him that I was going to go to college because it was very important for my future. In Russia, I didn't have to get a college education because at that time he and I were making almost the same salary, even though he had gone to two colleges and I had only gone to high school.

Life is different in America. I have to live another kind of life here than I did in Russia. And again, like generations before me, I am going to do it my own way.

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