

Six Skills You Will Need To Survive And Thrive In This Frighteningly Fast-Changing World

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intimidated	laid off	impenetrable	enhance	devour

Many people are 1) _____ over the current state of affairs in the world. While that's understandable, in this new, evolving economy and job market, you need to become mentally and emotionally strong. You must learn how to possess the ability to adapt, survive and 2) _____. There is no time for self pity. It's a time for action. Here is what you need to do to succeed in this newly changing world.

1. **Learn to code, write and speak well.** You don't have to be a tech engineer, but it will be helpful to know some coding. It's predicted that many jobs will 3) _____ this skill in the near term and future. The ability to write well and speak intelligently and communicate clearly and efficiently with people is prized by major corporations. These skills will greatly 4) _____ your marketability.

2. **Develop a thick, 5) _____ skin.** We are in—and will continue to be in—a time of rapid change. The days of working at one company for the entire duration of our careers is over. Corporate pensions are a thing of the past. You need to rely upon yourself and 6) _____ your own path. The odds are high that you will have a number of different careers over your lifespan. Within those careers, you will switch jobs, get 7) _____ and sometimes get stuck in part-time gigs. If you are timid and afraid, the world will 8) _____ you. You will need to teach yourself to be strong, unafraid and not 9) _____ by what the future brings.

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3. **Tune out the politics and noise.** So much time is wasted arguing with strangers on Twitter and Facebook. I'm 1) _____ of anyone who has ever said, "Thank you! That's a great point. You have completely changed my mind on this topic!" Arguing or even just reading or being in the presence of people who live to fight, yell and point fingers is a waste of time. Concentrate your time and efforts on productive 2) _____.

4. **Read 3) _____ and keep learning.** Most of us graduate school and stop learning. It's like your friend who listened to a certain type of music in high school and never tried hearing other genres, as he's stuck in a time warp. To remain competitive, you have to 4) _____ with all of the developments within your field, as well as new trends that may 5) _____ your career. By constantly learning, you'll be ahead of the crowd that chooses to remain static.
5. **Save your money.** There will be times when you are in between jobs or earning less money than you did in the past. The mistake most people make is to 6) _____ their means. If they earn \$1, they spend \$3—believing that there will always be a steady flow of cash. For every dollar earned, save as much as possible. Having funds for a rainy day makes all the difference in the world. As your funds grow, you'll have a second income stream. It'll also 7) _____ you the flexibility to select jobs on their long-term growth potential, as opposed to being forced to take a job because you need the money right now.
6. **8) _____ the change.** You can't stop the tide from rolling in. Things change and you will need to be malleable and move with the flow. Instead of being resistant and ignoring your new reality, think of how you can profit and benefit from new circumstances. With change comes opportunities—if your eyes are open to it. How many times in your life has a bad thing happened, but because of it, you ended up in a better place? This occurs all the time! There is always opportunity, but you have to be receptive, bold and ready to 9) _____ the chance to succeed.