

Ce corrigé n'est pas parfait, mais il est très correct et a été réalisé à partir de ce que j'ai trouvé dans différentes copies.

The American Dream may still be real, but for whom?

For decades, America has been seen as a country where anyone can succeed. But today, Americans are divided over whether the so-called “American Dream” still exists. These four documents - an opinion piece published in *Newsweek* in 2023 (Doc1) describing the reality of this dream for a working-class woman, two articles dated 2021, one published on *americancompass.org* (Doc2) defending a conservative vision of the American Dream, the other from *The Guardian* (Doc3) comparing equality of opportunity in the USA and OECD countries, and a graph from the United Nations (Doc4) describing the decline in life expectancy in America - raise the question of whether America is still a land of opportunity for all.

Although the USA has its flaws – it is a highly individualistic society (Doc 3), and life expectancy there has long been way below the average of rich countries (Doc 4) - it is widely regarded as a dreamland (Doc 3) where those who work hard and have ambition can achieve their dreams (Doc 2). There is, however, no consensus as to¹ what the American Dream is: while some expect success to fall into their lap², others are prepared to make all the necessary sacrifices to get to the top (Doc2). For others, still, it is simply about being able to pay the bills and take care of their family (Doc1). But even this is not within everyone's reach.

Hard work and determination are not enough, and the American Dream is no longer a reality for the working class. Doc 1 shows that those who did not have the opportunity to

¹ As to

² To fall into sb's lap

go to college lack the required degrees to apply for well-paid jobs. That is why it is increasingly difficult for the people from the bottom of the ladder to make it to the top (Doc3). And today's rising cost of living makes matters worse, even for those with multiple jobs (Doc1). Therefore, they are trapped in poverty and even seem resigned to this predicament³ (Doc1).

Some would argue that nothing is impossible if you persevere and follow your dream and nobody else's (Doc2), but the conditions for achieving the American dream seem limited. While European countries are taking structural measures to combat inequality, America seems to be lagging further and further behind⁴: inequality is more marked than elsewhere (Doc3), and America is the only high-income nation whose life expectancy has been persistently plummeting (Doc 4). Unless someone is lucky enough to benefit from opportunities, they may never be able to rise. In short, although the American Dream is still accessible, it is slowly disappearing due to blatantly⁵ growing inequalities.

³ Predicament

⁴ To lag behind

⁵ Blatantly