

Hello again and welcome to this broadcast. This is Wayne Botha and this is my outsider's view of what is right in America today.

Despite all the bad news that we see on T.V. and the articles that we read about in the newspaper everyday, you have to wonder why is it that people are willing to risk everything they've got to come to America today. How is it that people after hundreds of years are so willing to sacrifice so much in order to live in America? Well the fact is that many people are like me. Where we came from is much worse than what you find today in America. So although there is lots of bad news, there's lots of good things happening in America and a lot of times, life in America is much better than anywhere else in the world. For example, we've got very inexpensive internet access. Compare that to the rest of the world. In many places the only internet access that you've got is through a dial up modem, that's it. And in South Africa you pay for that dial up internet access by the minute. You cannot afford to be on the internet for too long and if you know how slow internet access can be when you have to go through a dial up modem. For one thing it's great to be in America today because we have a lot of cable access to the internet very inexpensively.

Another reason that it is great to be in America is that we have got so much variety. When you want to go and buy something in South Africa for example, if you want to go out and buy a book, did you know that you have to pay import tax on a book, which means that a book that you can purchase at Barnes and Noble here in America for about twenty dollars, costs you the equivalent of about two hundred dollars in South Africa. Also you don't have a Barnes and Noble in South Africa so you can not walk into a book store and see row upon row upon row of books that you can choose. You cannot go onto the internet and buy a book from Amazon.com in South Africa and expect it to be delivered to you in the next few days because in South Africa that will take you a few weeks at least and the shipping charges are horrendous. That's something else that's great in America today is the variety that you've got.

Another thing that's great in America today is the low cost of transportation. If you think gas is expensive at four dollars a gallon, try buying gas in Europe or in South Africa. It's at least double that price everyday, which means that you cannot drive a nice family mini van in South Africa unless you are very wealthy. Most people have to settle for a small compact car as their family vehicle. So as you

listen to this podcast realize that despite the bad news that you hear about everyday, this life in America is far better than the bulk of the world's population and that is why people are willing to sacrifice everything, leave their homes, their family and all their possessions in order to get to America because life here is so much better than where we came from.

This is Wayne Botha and that's my outsiders view of why life is good in America today.