

You Have The Right To Be Obligated

A few years back, the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* was doing a story commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of Ohio State's National Championship. Since I served as an assistant to Coach Hayes on that team, a reporter called me for my remembrances. Toward the end of the interview, he asked, "Coach, what's the difference between the athletes today and the athletes twenty-five years ago?" I thought for a moment before answering, "The same differences I see in society today. In the nineties, everybody wants to talk about their rights and privileges. Twenty-five years ago, people talked about their obligations and responsibilities."

Every time you join someone in marriage, organization, or business, you take on obligations and responsibilities. Every decision you make will effect the others on your team. We have the right to anything we want as individuals (providing it's legal), but we do not have the right to jeopardize our teammates' chances for success. Harry Truman said it best, "The freedom to wing your fist ends where the other guy's nose begins." Your freedom to do things haphazardly ends where your obligation to others begins.

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