

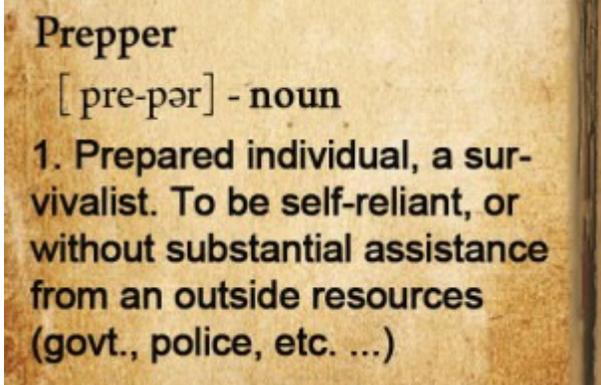






Let's start with dictionary definitions ...

Word	Definition	Source
Homestead	<p><b>Webster did not have the word homesteader</b></p> <p><b>home-stead</b> noun : a house and the farmland it is on : a piece of government land that a person could acquire by living on it and farming it when the western part of the U.S. was being settled</p> <p>1 a : the home and adjoining land occupied by a family b : an ancestral home c : house</p> <p>2 : a tract of land acquired from United States public lands by filing a record and living on and cultivating the tract</p> <p><b>First Known Use of HOMESTEAD before 12th century</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/homesteader">http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/homesteader</a></p>
Homesteader	<p><b>home-stead-er</b> noun</p> <p>1. the owner or holder of a homestead.</p> <p>2. a settler under the Homestead Act.</p> <p>Origin: 1860–65, Americanism; homestead + -er1</p> <p>Dictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2013.</p>	<p><a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/homesteader?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/homesteader?s=t</a></p>
Homesteader	<p><b>homesteader</b> — n</p> <p>1. a person owning a homestead</p> <p>2. ( US ), ( Canadian ) a person who acquires or possesses land under a homestead law</p> <p>3. a person taking part in a homesteading scheme</p> <p>Collins English Dictionary - Complete &amp; Unabridged 10th Edition 2009 © William Collins Sons &amp; Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009</p>	<p><a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/homesteader?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/homesteader?s=t</a></p>

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Preparedness	<p>Dictionary.com did not have the word Prepper</p> <p><b>pre•par•ed•ness</b> noun</p> <p>1. the state of being prepared; readiness.</p> <p>2. possession of adequate armed forces, industrial resources and potential, etc., especially as a deterrent to enemy attack.</p> <p>Origin: 1580–90; prepared + -ness</p> <p>Related forms un•pre•par•ed•ness, noun Dictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2013.</p>	<p><a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/preparedness?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/preparedness?s=t</a></p>
Preparedness	<p>Dictionary.com did not have the word Prepper</p> <p><b>preparedness</b></p> <p>— n</p> <p>the state of being prepared or ready, esp militarily ready for war</p> <p>pre'paredly</p> <p>— adv</p> <p>Collins English Dictionary - Complete &amp; Unabridged 10th Edition 2009 © William Collins Sons &amp; Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009</p>	<p><a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/preparedness?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/preparedness?s=t</a></p>
Preparedness	<p>Websters did not have the word Prepper</p> <p><b>pre•pared•ness</b> noun</p> <p>: the fact of being ready for something : the state of being prepared</p> <p>Full Definition of PREPAREDNESS : the quality or state of being prepared; especially : a state of adequate preparation in case of war</p> <p>First Known Use of PREPAREDNESS 1590</p>	<p><a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/preparedness">http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/preparedness</a></p>
Prepper	 <p><b>Prepper</b> [pre-pər] - noun</p> <p>1. Prepared individual, a survivalist. To be self-reliant, or without substantial assistance from an outside resources (govt., police, etc. ...)</p>	<p><a href="http://theconservativetreehouse.com/2013/03/23/u-s-preppers-3-million-and-counting-when-modern-society-collapses-onto-itself/">http://theconservativetreehouse.com/2013/03/23/u-s-preppers-3-million-and-counting-when-modern-society-collapses-onto-itself/</a></p>
Prepper	<p>1. prepper</p>	<p><a href="http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=prepper">http://www.urbandictionary.com/define.php?term=prepper</a></p>

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	<p>Someone who focuses on preparedness, generally for various worst-case scenarios like peak oil or armageddon. Sometimes used to avoid the more loaded term survivalist. Some preppers focus on guns, others on sustainable agriculture.</p> <p><b>2. Prepper</b>                      A person who is prepared, or striving to be prepared for incident, natural disaster, etc                      A person actively preparing or being prepared for situations that may affect the stability of home, life, or financial situation. Also known as survivalists, doomsday preppers (derogatory)</p> <p><b>3. Prepper</b>                      Someone who can't wait for the end of the world, and 'prepares' for it by hoarding food, guns, ammunition, water purification tablets, paracord, rice, MRE, camouflage clothing, Walmart gift cards, and pretend Tea Party 'money' that they think will be worth something someday.                      Often this fear/hope that society will end "any day now" is related to religious beliefs, distrust of a government they didn't vote for, and/or a shared delusion among their peers that only they are intelligent enough to "see the signs" of our collective impending doom.                      A strong paramilitary aspect usually goes with the Prepper lifestyle, even though most of them couldn't run a mile to save their own lives, never mind carrying some of the heaviest items possible on their backs; batteries, water, bullets, and gold.                      Up to this point, 100% of "preppers" have been wrong so far, a trend likely to continue for a very long time.                      It has been theorized that in the unlikely event of an actual catastrophe large enough to actually destroy society, that Preppers would be the first to be 'pushed out' by a new society, since honestly, who wants a bunch of ignorant aggressive selfish loudmouth jerkoffs around when it's time for everyone to put aside their differences and rebuild a new society?</p> <p><b>4. preppers</b>                      people who go to prep school and think they are the sh_t b/c of it. basically people who think they are the greatest thing on the planet b/c they can afford prep and they are sooo "rich". instead of appreciating the easiness and the bright sides of prep school (cuz we all know prep is better than public) such as easy teachers and no-cut sport teams, they go for the whole "we are soooo cool cuz were sooo rich" image.                      some even go as far as having hotel partys for the stupidest things, like making it on to the volleyball team, except the catch is EVERYONE MAKES THE TEAM. and on top of that, they dont even appreciate those things they can afford.</p>	
Self-Reliant	<p><b>self-re•li•ant</b>                      adjective                      relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.                      Origin:                      1840–50                      Related forms                      self-re•li•ant•ly, adverb</p>	<p><a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/self-reliant?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/self-reliant?s=t</a></p>

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	Synonyms independent, assured, enterprising, resolute, capable. Dictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2013.	
Self-Reliance/Self-reliant	<p><b>self-reliance</b></p> <p>— n                      reliance on one's own abilities, decisions, etc</p> <p><b>self-re'liant</b></p> <p>— adj</p> <p><b>self-re'liantly</b></p> <p>— adv</p> <p>Collins English Dictionary - Complete &amp; Unabridged 10th Edition                      2009 © William Collins Sons &amp; Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009</p>	<a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/self-reliant?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/self-reliant?s=t</a>
Self-Reliant	<p><b>self-re-li-ant</b></p> <p>Full Definition of <i>SELF-RELIANT</i>                      : having confidence in and exercising one's own powers or judgment                      First Known Use of <i>SELF-RELIANT</i> 1848</p>	<a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-reliant?show=0&amp;i=1386777941">http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/self-reliant?show=0&amp;i=1386777941</a>
Survivalist	<p><b>sur-viv-al-ist</b></p> <p>noun</p> <p>a person who makes preparations to survive a widespread catastrophe, as an atomic war or anarchy, especially by storing food and weapons in a safe place.</p> <p>Origin:</p> <p>1965–70; survival + -ist</p> <p>Related forms</p> <p>sur•viv•al•ism, noun</p> <p>Dictionary.com Unabridged Based on the Random House Dictionary, © Random House, Inc. 2013.</p>	<a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/survivalist?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/survivalist?s=t</a>
Survivalist	<p><b>survivalist</b></p> <p>— n</p> <p>( US )</p> <p>a. a person who believes in ensuring his personal survival of a catastrophic event by arming himself and often by living in the wild</p> <p>b. ( as modifier ): survivalist weapons</p>	<a href="http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/survivalist?s=t">http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/survivalist?s=t</a>

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	<p><b>sur'vivalism</b></p> <p>— n</p> <p>Collins English Dictionary - Complete &amp; Unabridged 10th Edition                      2009 © William Collins Sons &amp; Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 1998, 2000, 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009</p>	
Survivalist	<p><b>sur·viv·al·ist</b></p> <p><i>noun</i></p> <p>: a person who believes that government and society will soon fail completely and who stores food, weapons, etc., in order to be prepared to survive when that happens</p> <p>First Known Use of <i>SURVIVALIST</i> 1970</p>	<p><a href="http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/survivalist">http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/survivalist</a></p>

***“A prudent man foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; the simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.”***  
*Proverbs 22:3*



**And what about some of the top web sites for these mindsets? Here is a few of the more common ones ....**

The following table is a list of Attributes associated to Homesteaders, Pepper's, Survivalists and Self-Reliant people, along with the source of the attribute information. If no "Type" is listed then this is a general description of attributes.

Type	Attribute	Source
	<p>Homesteader vs. Prepper</p> <p>At first glance, there seems to be a number of similarities between the two: both groups put a great deal of focus on self-sufficiency and off-grid living, but the <a href="#">differentiating factor</a> seems to be the driving force behind said focus. Though both groups are very knowledgeable about self-reliance, the major difference between them seems to be that one side is putting down roots and nurturing the land and its denizens in preparation for a brighter future, while the other is battenning down hatches and bracing for future onslaught. As one woman stated in an online forum, "Homesteaders build: home is a nest. Pepper's evade: home is a <a href="#">bunker</a>."</p> <p>In any case, the two groups could probably benefit from one another's skills: some preppers could take a cue from the homesteaders as far as industry is concerned, while some homesteaders might feel more secure if they put some of the preppers' defensive precautions into effect. In fact, we could all learn a lesson from both sides: being a bit more self-sufficient and having</p>	<p><a href="http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/">http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/</a></p>

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	<p>both a solid first aid kit and a week's worth of food and water <i>just in case</i> wouldn't do anyone any harm.</p>	
	<p>So what is a Survivalist, and why is prepping becoming so popular? We are people who realize our system of debt and government reliance can't last forever. It's only a matter of time before the whole thing comes to a screeching to a halt, and when that happens things are not going to be pretty. You will have to deal with a whole <a href="#">host of threats</a>, that you've probably never even considered.</p> <p>So you can choose to keep adding cards to a house that's about to collapse, or you can start to rely on yourself and make sure you're able to provide for your family when everyone else is wondering how they're going to put food on the table. In my opinion, the choice is pretty simple; you can continue to rely on a government and a way of life that got us into this mess, or you can start to take back the power and learn how to live a self-reliant lifestyle.</p>	<p><a href="http://offgridsurvival.com/survivalists-preppers-what-are-they-and-what-do-they-beleive/">http://offgridsurvival.com/survivalists-preppers-what-are-they-and-what-do-they-beleive/</a></p>
	<p>When it comes down to what these terms really mean, the best way I can describe both terms is through the lens of self-reliance. Whether you consider yourself a prepper, or a survivalist, it basically comes down to wanting to be able to provide for yourself and your family without having to rely on some government bureaucracy to keep you safe.</p> <p>In my opinion, it's actually pretty weird that we even need these phrases to describe something that was once considered human nature. Unfortunately we live in an era where people have forgotten how to fend for themselves; they now rely so heavily on the government and large corporations in so many areas of their life, that should something ever go wrong, we are going to see mass chaos much beyond what any Hollywood movie has ever shown.</p> <p><b>We've talked about the problem many times in the past, but most Americans are still blind to what's really going on.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Government Handouts:</b> Over 50% of our population now relies on at least one government handout to live, which accounts for 18.4% of all income.</li> <li>• <b>Government Handouts:</b> As of December 2012, 1 out of every 5 households (47.8 million people) relies on food stamps to feed their family.</li> <li>• <b>Pharmaceutical Dependence:</b> The average American <a href="#">fills</a> 12 prescription medications each year, the average senior fills over 31 prescriptions every year.</li> <li>• <b>Pharmaceutical Dependence:</b> According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, in an average week, 81% of Americans use at least one medication, 50% take at least one prescription drug, and 7% take 5 or more drugs.</li> <li>• <b>Technology Dependence:</b> In 2012 over 91% of Americans used cell phones; they sent over 2.27 trillion text messages.</li> </ul> <p>In my opinion, this country has been teetering on the edge of a <a href="#">socioeconomic collapse</a> for the last couple decades. From Nixon's policies in the 1970's that took the world of the gold standard, to the financial crisis of 2008, our country has done very little to solve our economic problems. In fact, both sides of the political aisle seem to be doing everything they can to make it worse.</p>	<p><a href="http://offgridsurvival.com/survivalists-preppers-what-are-they-and-what-do-they-beleive/">http://offgridsurvival.com/survivalists-preppers-what-are-they-and-what-do-they-beleive/</a></p>
	<p>I read another blog posing the question: What is the difference between a prepper and a survivalist? and which one are you?</p> <p>I thought about this and decided my first reaction to the word Prepper is it sounds like the word preppie. Way too yuppie. I'm told the media responds better to the word Prepper. The word survivalist scares them.</p>	<p><a href="http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html">http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html</a></p>

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	<p>both "Survivalists" and "Preparedness-Minded" ("Pepper's") treat Learning/Preparing as a lifestyle. You'll frequently hear Members say things like: "Preparedness is about the journey, not the destination".. That's a good way to sum up the daily endeavors as far as I'm concerned.</p> <p>...As a side note; regular readers here know my motto when it comes to "Bugging Out": <b>"Anyone leaving their home without a pre-prepared place to go to is called 'a Refugee'"</b>, which is something I <i>absolutely don't</i> advocate!</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm">http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm</a></p>
	<p>There are <i>Huge</i> groups of people who label themselves as "Prepper" or "Survivalist", that aren't <i>really</i> one or the other; they just don't have the time/experience yet to know it. Let me toss out a definition of this group, because it's an easy one also...</p> <p>The third group is a <i>Huge</i> segment of (mostly newby) information hunters. In actual fact, they don't even much like being labeled "Pepper's"! In their minds they're just "Preparing some supplies to ride out a local disaster"... It's not a lifestyle for them, they just want to find solid basic lists of what to have onhand to survive at home for a target time that seems to usually be 'Three Days to Two Weeks'... Due to their lack of hands-on <i>experience</i>, these folks believe that gathering lists of supplies to have onhand, and saving instructional articles about Survival, will somehow allow them to Survive whatever Disaster they have in mind (and it's usually a VERY specific disaster that they have in mind). They believe that when the disaster they're preparing for happens, they'll take their lists and run down to the local Wally World ahead of the crowds and get more supplies to add to the basic 3-Days of supplies they've already stocked. Later, in their copious amounts of free time during said disaster, they'll thumb through their carefully printed and indexed scrap-book of survival articles and find solutions to whatever problems they're facing at the moment... kinda like holding open a "Grey's Anatomy" book in one hand while holding a scalpel in the other, preparing to do surgery... Yeah ... kinda like that... The indexed scrap-book of Survival Articles doesn't work very well in the real world either</p>	<p><a href="http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm">http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm</a></p>
	<p>In the terminology of those who are actively "prepping", my pantry and cupboard contain "preps" instead of food and medicine.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.granny-miller.com/prepper-versus-tradition/">http://www.granny-miller.com/prepper-versus-tradition/</a></p>
	<p>Along with the desire to live I think Pepper's and Survivalists both have a positive mental attitude towards overcoming obstacles when it comes to survival. They both hold a belief that with the right training, mental outlook and circumstances, no situation is ever more than they can bear.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a></p>
	<p>Survivalists and Pepper's all have <a href="#">different motivations and philosophies</a> on what they are doing and why. Survivalists and Prepper are just labels. Labels like this though can pigeon-hole people into thinking they need to act a certain way or it can cause assumptions from others based upon their own perceptions of what these words mean.</p> <p>Survivalists and Pepper's both have a deep desire to live. This is not a fear of dying but rather a strong yearning to live life on their own terms. You will find tenacity in both Pepper's and Survivalists to try to see the options they have before them. If you give up easily or become defeated too quickly you probably don't deserve to call yourself a member of either team just yet.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a></p>
Homesteader	<p>"The homesteaders seem drawn to this self-sufficiency because they wish to live more holistically with the world around them; having first-hand experience with their food sources—be that through organic gardens, animal husbandry, or backyard chicken coops—and revisiting the home industry of their forebears. Many of them spin their own yarn, sew their own clothes, and make cheese from the milk given by a few goats or sheep that they keep on a small plot of land. They save their seeds, sew quilts from old clothes, and spend weekends canning and preserving food so they have a hearty bounty to draw from over the winter months." Read more</p>	<p><a href="http://politicsandpreppers.com/prepping/homesteader-vs-prepper-i-had-to-now">http://politicsandpreppers.com/prepping/homesteader-vs-prepper-i-had-to-now</a>  <a href="http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/homesteader-pantry/?extend=1">http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/homesteader-pantry/?extend=1</a></p>

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Homesteader	Homesteaders, partial or fully self-sustaining are also gentle people who have had the opportunity to appreciate what Mother Nature and the good Lord gives you, are often willing to lend a hand to a family in need either with an abundance of produce or a borrowed tool or left over supplies.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Homesteader	Many of us adopt this lifestyle because we know we can produce healthier food for our families now and gain the skills to take care of ourselves if the need arises. For those of us who live rural we have the added pleasure of a simpler life, free from all the chaos the big city can bring.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Homesteader	Modern day Homesteaders are always prepared for an emergency. In our case this means generators and the ability to generate enough electricity for our water well, canned food, and equipment to preserve food if we lose electricity. We have not learned our skills for a doomsday event but rather as a lifestyle change, a healthier mind and body and, if the need ever arises, we will survive no matter what the event.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Homesteader	Modern day homesteading, being partially self-sustaining or fully, off the grid, self-sustaining is like living the way our grandparents and their parents before them. It's learning to live with what you have and learning to take care of yourself by living off the land. We live similar to an Amish lifestyle but allow ourselves the privileged of some modern conveniences.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Homesteader	The biggest security concern for the homesteader is the open manner (and inevitably so) in which they often practice these skills amidst a large population surrounding them. A successful homestead will make itself a beacon to those that are unprepared, and make them highly vulnerable to those that loot and raid, regardless of their reasons why.	<a href="http://www.survivalblog.com/2010/07/a_survival_suburban_homestead_1.html">http://www.survivalblog.com/2010/07/a_survival_suburban_homestead_1.html</a>
Homesteader	The <a href="#">homesteaders</a> seem drawn to this self-sufficiency because they wish to live more holistically with the world around them; having first-hand experience with their food sources—be that through organic gardens, animal husbandry, or backyard chicken coops—and revisiting the home industry of their forebears. Many of them spin their own yarn, sew their own clothes, and make cheese from the milk given by a few goats or sheep that they keep on a small plot of land. They <a href="#">save their seeds</a> , sew quilts from old clothes, and spend weekends canning and preserving food so they have a hearty bounty to draw from over the winter months.	<a href="http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/">http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/</a>
Homesteader	This isn't to say that Modern day Homesteaders don't have an abundance of ammo. Many of us do. Perhaps not enough to fill a substantial space but we do keep it on-hand. Homesteaders generally do not have ammo on-hand to protect their homestead from human intruders but we will use it on four legged intruders and occasionally to hunt food and put down an animal when there isn't any hope for a quality life. And yes, we will use it on a human intruder as a last resort.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Homesteader	Urban homesteading is beginning to emerge because many people are beginning to come to the realization that there could be a major economic crash, Natural disaster, etc. that could result in a disruption or failure in our food distribution chain emerging as directly applicable to many concerns facing many preppers regarding any failure or crises resulting in a disruption or collapse of the food distribution chain. But, urban homesteading is not the same as preparing for a crash or fall of civilized society. Urban homesteaders openly farm and garden with marginal concern for crop or property security, but their approach rivals that of some intensive commercial operations and so do their results and unless you're truly going to be happy living off an immensely deep larder, you better have another plan.	<a href="http://www.survivalblog.com/2010/07/a_survival_suburban_homestead_1.html">http://www.survivalblog.com/2010/07/a_survival_suburban_homestead_1.html</a>

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Prepper	<p>“Doomsday Pepper’s” are more inclined to stockpile supplies and looking at “bunkering in” for an extended period of time. Unlike everyday preppers, doomsday preppers believe they have the need to collect more consumable supplies, because that and a well fortified bunker, will allow them to survive an event like an apocalypse. Many doomsday preppers are fixated on one theory or another, and believe the cause of one catastrophic event will “end” the world. Notice I said “many,” not all, have been “labeled” as Doomsday preppers because they have acquired enough supplies, and feel adequately ready and prepared to live through an apocalyptic event.</p>	<p><a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a></p>
Prepper	<p>A prepper is an individual that prepares and makes preparations in advance of, or prior to, any change in normal circumstances or lifestyle, so that they can continue to live without a significant reliance on other persons with the ultimate goal of being self-reliant.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html">http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html</a></p>
Prepper	<p>Almost everyone prepares in some way or another for these natural disasters, although too many wait until the storm approaches and then create “mob” rushes on the grocery stores or home improvement stores for bread, milk, generators, and eggs. Some rush out to stock up on food and buy frozen pizzas and microwave burritos, not even thinking how they will cook these when and if the power goes out. True Pepper’s think of these ahead of time and look at the necessary steps and supplies needed to give their families the best chance of not only survival, but making the issue more of an inconvenience instead of a life threatening experience.</p>	<p><a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a></p>
Prepper	<p>And, what is prepping? Storing tons of goods in a fixed position? I am storing up some stuff, true, but more as a hedge against the incredible food inflation we’re seeing now. With all the drought, heat waves and fuel price disasters, we know food prices will get much higher.</p>	<p><a href="http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html">http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html</a></p>
Prepper	<p>Here something to think about you find Pepper’s talking about Homesteading and a lot of Pepper’s are looking for Homesteads</p>	<p><a href="http://politicsandpreppers.com/prepping/homesteader-vs-prepper-i-had-to-now">http://politicsandpreppers.com/prepping/homesteader-vs-prepper-i-had-to-now</a></p>
Prepper	<p>In comparison, preppers seem to be a more paranoid lot, and their drive towards self-sufficiency isn’t born of a desire to get back to the land, but is rather in preparation for whatever <a href="#">apocalypse</a> is just around the corner. These folks are <a href="#">getting ready</a> for when shit hits the fan, and you can be sure they’ll be well prepared when it does. Many have several years’ supply of canned goods, dried staples, and water in their cellars, along with an arsenal of weapons to fend off the inevitable zombie-like hoards that’ll come after their food and supplies when everything goes to hell. If they do grow any food around their property, it’s hidden in the woods and camouflaged so that invaders won’t realize it’s a food crop, and the razor wire around it will dissuade any trespassers from taking it.</p>	<p><a href="http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/">http://inhabitat.com/homesteaders-vs-preppers-whats-the-difference/</a></p>
Prepper	<p>Instead of grubs and fiddle-head fern salads Prepper cousins might be more comfortable storing food to last as long as possible or creating a garden with heirloom seeds.</p>	<p><a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a></p>
Prepper	<p>Many have sought to live more modestly but also to relearn the forgotten skills and chores our parents and even Grandparents used to help get them through the Great Depression Era. We (as a whole) have become more self-sufficient and have started growing some, or in some cases, much of our own food with gardens, raising livestock, and whatnot. This has also become common among people who want to avoid the chemicals and GMO (Genetically Mutated Organisms) that are being forced upon us by people, that are more concerned about money than they are health and good living. Rural citizens have been practicing this for generations, as some live an hour away from the nearest grocery and department stores. Being self-sufficient has always been a necessity for them.</p>	<p><a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a></p>

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Prepper	Modern day Pepper's however are those who are preparing for a doomsday event. Many of them stock pile store bought foods, study up on survival skills and warehouse ammo to protect their homestead from human intruders. Many Modern day Pepper's also stockpile seeds but the majority of them really do not understand the earth and what challenges it can bring, something that you learn only with trial and error. It truly is a different mindset.	<a href="http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html">http://www.rural-living.com/2012/04/on-being-homesteader-vs-prepper.html</a>
Prepper	<i>Preparedness</i> (or <i>Pepper's</i> ) tends to be more focused on preparing a Homestead (IE: "The place you're living in RIGHT NOW") to be more habitable and self-sustainable, during <i>and</i> after, aCOMS ("a Collapse Of Modern Society"), so that they don't <i>have</i> to "Bug Out"	<a href="http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm">http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm</a>
Prepper	Preppers also do not seem to make plans with only themselves involved. Pepper's like to form groups and communities and <a href="#">try to get others involved</a> , engaged and on-board <a href="#">when it is prudent to do so</a> .	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>
Prepper	Preppers are sometimes identified as modern-day survivalists or neo-survivalists, but are far from the stereotype of survivalists past. Prepping has also been dubbed as survivalism light.	<a href="http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html">http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html</a>
Prepper	Pepper's are those who try their best to live the same way before, during and after a natural disaster strikes. Pepper's plan in advance, by ascertaining how they can keep in touch with a community at large after a natural calamity. They are also first to point out the supplies they and their family would need to get through the possibly tough times ahead, after a natural disaster such as a <a href="#">solar storm</a> , earthquake or hurricane. In a sense, preppers look to minimize distributions. They normally look for ways in which they could still survive in a homestead way (in other words, the place you are living in right now).	<a href="https://artofsurviving.com/the-difference-between-survivalists-and-preppers/">https://artofsurviving.com/the-difference-between-survivalists-and-preppers/</a>
Prepper	Preppers have many different mindsets and cover a broad spectrum of survival and preparedness interests, from small personal disasters to long term global events.	<a href="http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html">http://www.americansnetworkingtosurvive.org/Preppers.html</a>
Prepper	Preppers on the other hand do not seem to have most of the same scenarios in mind when they are preparing for an uncertain future. Preppers typically have one or more situations they view as inevitable and they make plans to mitigate the bad effects you could be faced with in that situation.	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>
Prepper	Preppers seem to be looking for a lifestyle change on top of their preparations. Eating more Organic food, living healthier lives, <a href="#">becoming more self-sufficient</a> are common themes and this transcends any natural disaster. It shows a desire to have a better life	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>
Prepper	Prepping is LIVING, Survival is EXISTING	<a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a>
Prepper	The word "prepping" is pretty common in most of the United States, if not world, and many don't realize they fall under being a "prepper." Ask yourself these following questions. 1.) Do you have lanterns, flashlights, and candles on hand for a power outage during a storm? 2.) Do you have a stockpile of food in the pantry in case a blizzard snows you in? 3.) Do you have a "hurricane kit," a first aid kit, an fire extinguisher, and/or other emergency supplies? If you answered yes to ANY of these questions, then indeed you are classified as a "prepper."	<a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a>
Prepper	there are two types of preppers – your average everyday preppers who and just preparing for a survival situation, whether it be some kind of natural disaster (i.e. tornado, hurricane, ice storm, blizzard) or just a local emergency, and then you have your doomsday preppers, the guys that are stocking up on everything they can, because they think at any given minute	<a href="http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/">http://guideforpreppingandsurviving.com/doomsday-preppers-vs-everyday-preppers/</a>

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	the world is going to end or some kind of apocalypse is going to occur, so they have to defend for themselves.	
Self-Reliant	..., much of the “prepper” and “survivalist” mentality seems born of an apocalyptic Hollywood and TV Land fantasy founded upon fear, ignorance and on unabashed consumerism. The fact of the matter is, many of the skills and life choices often associated with modern survivalist living or prepping, were at one time the everyday skills and choices of simple living and traditional, old fashion common sense.	<a href="http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/">http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/</a>
Self-Reliant	<p>So you can imagine my chagrin when 10 or 12 years ago a dear friend described my life as that of “being a survivalist”.</p> <p>I knew what she meant and what she was trying to convey. I took her description as a backhanded compliment.</p> <p>My friend was trying to find the words to communicate and illustrate a lifestyle that is self-sustaining, non-consumer oriented and not completely dependent upon “the grid”. Her comment gave me food for thought.</p> <p>I found it curious that a way of life that would have been considered quite normal and middle class in western Pennsylvania in the 1920’s, 1930’s, 1940’s, 1950’s, 1960’s &amp; 1970’s, was by the year 2000, considered to be extraordinary, radical and a tad kooky.</p> <p>I also found it interesting that in less than 2 generations the average American household had become for the most part, an isolated and non-productive, debt driven economic model. The concept of a traditional and contained productive household economy had become alien.</p> <p>Today most American households are non-producing households.</p> <p>The concept of a contained domestic economy has been long forgotten along with the skills to sustain that household economy. The average American household today is a consumer based closed system economy.</p> <p>Just about everything – from food – to entertainment – to underwear – is produced outside the confines of the home. And most adults work to make money so that they can pay someone else to make or provide their most basic material and non-material life needs.</p> <p>Many American households actually produce very little for themselves except for debt, depression, divorce and bratty kids.</p>	<a href="http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/">http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/</a>
Self-Reliant	<p>The most basic of human needs revolve around food, clothing and shelter.</p> <p>And those needs are only met by an understanding of who we are as people and of our particular environment; combined with a good and sensible stewardship of our individual circumstances. The exact ideas and concepts that preppers and survivalists have as of late begun to realize – and that’s a really good thing.</p>	<a href="http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/">http://www.granny-miller.com/survivalist-prepper-or-housewife/</a>
Self-Reliant	The self-reliant take responsibility for their own health and healing, rather than waiting for our health to degenerate, then running to the doctor for drugs and procedures to fix the problem, we can develop our natural and alternative healing repertoire of tools and techniques while working in parallel on a building a lifestyle based upon healthy whole fresh organic foods, exercise, and cleansing routines (such as fasting) to help insure that	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/</a>

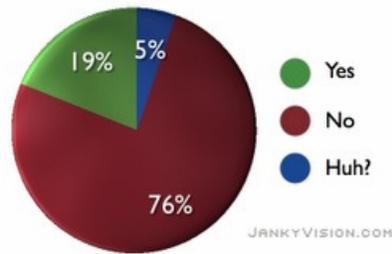
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	we will have the strength, stamina, and balanced health to be self-reliant when we need it.	
Self-Reliant	The self-reliant fix things, rather than simply throw them away	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/</a>
Self-Reliant	The self-reliant frequently strengthen their back-country skills. They will camp out or backpack to a site for a weekend of camping and fishing. In many disasters, the luxuries that we take for granted quickly disappear, like automotive transportation, hot and cold running water, and local groceries stores stocked with plentiful provisions. It is at these times that back country skills and the ability to forage for food, while carrying basic supplies and provisions on your back, can make the difference between life and death, or extreme suffering and relative ease/comfort.	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/</a>
Self-Reliant	The self-reliant have a disaster/emergency preparedness mentality and utilize it much like car insurance. They take CPR and basic first-aid courses, practice fire drills (both structure and wildfire) and are known to have what are now called go-bags in their vehicles or saddlebags year round.	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/08/20/self-reliance-for-everyone/</a>
Survivalist	A survivalist likes to be prepared too, the only difference is that they take it to another level and prefer to go all-out Rambo, in a self-sufficient sort of way. Survivalists take on a more military approach to making it out of a disaster situation, which may involve, but not limit to using guns, using camo, living self-sufficiently in the woods (which requires hunting and tracking skills) and a bunker somewhere in case they have to bug-out.	<a href="https://artofsurviving.com/the-difference-between-survivalists-and-preppers/">https://artofsurviving.com/the-difference-between-survivalists-and-preppers/</a>
Survivalist	Survival, on the other hand is more about learning everything you can to supply your needs, in whatever situation you may find yourself. Urban survival is scarier to me than wilderness survival. Humans are capable of such violence, often unpredictable, and usually unreasonable.	<a href="http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html">http://thefemalesurvivalist.blogspot.com/2011/07/survivalist-or-prepper.html</a>
Survivalist	<i>Survivalism</i> tends to be more "Military Oriented", with more focus on Guns and Camo and "living in the wilds" after making it through a scenario that forces them to "Bunker Down" or "Bug Out" ( <i>Real</i> Survivalists have a place to bug out TO, they don't just leave home blindly with no real plan).	<a href="http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm">http://www.alpharubicon.com/preparedness-versus-survival.htm</a>
Survivalist	Survivalists lean more toward the ideal that Bear Grylls and Les Stroud have promoted with their respective TV shows showing how they both can survive in the wilderness on all manner of strange tricks and skills that the normal person would never be in a place to use. I think some Survivalists see themselves as being deserted in a jungle somewhere with only a rusty coke can and a bandana to survive.	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>
Survivalist	Survivalists may give more weight to learning how to forage in the woods and eat grubs	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>
Survivalist	there are survivalist groups as well, but they still seem to be more likely to want to be away from people before there is any actual need to. Survivalists that I have run across definitely have a different way they present themselves when the subject of hypothetical grid-down scenarios are presented. I do get the sense that in some cases, they seem to have a "let them go to hell" mentality and I don't think that is what Pepper's would agree with on the surface.	<a href="http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/">http://www.theprepperjournal.com/2013/05/30/what-is-the-difference-between-a-survivalist-and-a-prepper/</a>

***“We have two ears and one mouth so that we can listen twice as much as we speak.”***

***Epictetus***

***(Greek philosopher associated with the Stoics, AD 55-c.135)***

## Do you trust public opinion?



### What do I think?

Although you probably only have a passing interest (at best) in what I think these words mean, here is my viewpoint anyway ;-}

I feel that each of these words require a certain amount of *situational awareness* of the environment around us (be it weather, people, governments and etc.), a *plan*, as well as at least some amount of *independence*, *self-reliance* and *tenacity*, to not only survive, but to live and thrive. On top of this, each of these “mindsets” also have various “levels” that can be achieved from the bare minimum to the extreme.



Just about each and every one of us is a “Prepper” in some way. How so? Most of us have insurance for our health, home, vehicles and major “toys” and possessions. Insurance is *in case the worst happens* is it not? *Ha – a Prepper*. Many country and northern folk have alternative energy and food stores because winter storms often take out electricity, phone service and the ability to travel safely for days and even weeks. *Again – a Prepper*. If you have a first aid kit in your home, boat, auto or RV you are preparing for the *chance you might need it* - *A Prepper*. If you live in an area that is prone to earthquakes, tornados, hurricanes, avalanches, mud slides or floods you no doubt have some kind of plan to get you through each occurrence. *Another type of Prepper*.

However I do feel that being a “Prepper” requires a bit more than first aid kits, insurance policies and 3 days’ worth of water, ready to eat meals and candles or battery lanterns. Top of this list is Independence and Self-Reliance.



***“Be Prepared ...  
the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking  
out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency  
so that he is never taken by surprise.”***

***Sir Robert Baden-Powell  
(British Army Officer, founder of the Boy Scouts, 1857-1941)***

*Independence* is being able to take care of yourself with the least amount of involvement from others. *Self-Reliance* is knowing you can do what needs to be done or make what you need with the least amount of help from others and at the least amount of cost. Both characteristics require you to handle any situation with what you have, rather than hiring or purchasing what you need.



Which means that becoming a Prepper requires a greater amount of independence and self-reliance in all areas of our lives including finances, utilities, food, clothing, health, devices and furniture to name a few key areas. To be a Prepper, some of these areas will require day to day independence, self-reliance, preparation and diligence, while others you need only worry about for shorter periods of emergent times. If you want to be a Homesteader or as Self-reliant as possible, you will need to be this way *continuously* in your day to day life – a *lifestyle* rather than just a *mindset*.

*To me a Prepper, specifically is a person who considers what can happen: while at home, on the way to work, vacation (air, land or sea), from nature, from bad luck and clumsiness, spiritual, to human caused. A Prepper will have a contingency plan to account for the best way to not only avoid such a situation in the first place (whenever possible), but also how to live through such an event and continue to prosper and be happy and content with life.*



I see a *Survivalist* as a person who is prepared for the worst of the worst case scenarios, where they are either caught off-guard, out of pocket or must leave behind most of their possessions. There are various levels of Survivalists too. The most common perception being; the extreme Survivalist who lives in the boonies and off the land in a very “times of yore” way, or the Les Stroud, Bear Grylls and Cody Lundin’s of the world. Yet, you also have wilderness guides who know all kinds of skills in case the worst happens - *Another type of survivalist*. Military personnel are taught how to make it through being separated from the rest of their team or troop and how to survive the worst that can happen in a war situation - *another type of Survivalist*. Campers, backpackers and hunters are often trained in “survival skills” – *yet another type of Survivalist*.



*Homesteading* today and in the past are two different animals. In the past if you had a problem, you really had a problem! There was no satellite phone or GPS emergency signal that you could deploy as you can today and the government left the responsibility (rightfully) in the homesteaders lap. Changing your mind and going back to civilization was a trial all of its own.

Homesteading today does *not* equate to total wilderness or being 100% off the grid. One can actually “homestead” in a metropolitan area. I also hate when people assume a homesteader today is living like the pioneers or Amish, that’s just the extreme homesteader. Homesteading today is utilizing your property to help support and sustain you. However, it still requires a lot of self-reliance and independence.



*Self-reliance* is doing and or making for yourself, rather than purchasing or paying someone else to do it for you. The more self-reliant you are, the more you do and make yourself; from energy, clothing, food, furniture, structures, medical and so forth.



Today a prepper, homesteader, survivalist or self-reliant person has a more intimate understanding and personal day to day involvement, in what it takes to provide the basic necessities of physical life *without primarily* depending on or purchasing from another entity.

***“A world community can exist only with world communication, which means something more than extensive short-wave facilities scattered; about the globe. It means common understanding, a common tradition, common ideas, and common ideals.”***

***Robert M. Hutchins***  
***(January 17, 1899 – May 17, 1977) Educator***

To better illustrate what I think each of these terms/mindsets mean I have created a table of the most likely attributes, common skills/competencies (beyond insurance policies & first aid kits) that I feel are present for each mindset listed (Homesteader, the Self-Reliant, Prepper, Survivalist).

Some key distinctions are listed for critical attributes (just making sure everyone is on the same page). This means that one would be *Most Likely* to see these attributes associated to the specific type of person/household.

Unless stated otherwise, all attributes are to be considered “routinely utilized” or “frequently utilized”.

(I would love to hear any challenges, additions and such, that any of you might wish to share, so please don't be shy.)

<b>Attribute</b>	<b>Homesteader</b>	<b>Self-Reliant</b>	<b>Prepper</b>	<b>Survivalist</b>
Alternative Communications (HAM, Shortwave, etc), fixed	X	X	X	
Alternative Communications (HAM, Shortwave, etc), mobile			X	X
Alternative Communications Power (HAM, Shortwave, etc), fixed	X	X	X	
Alternative Communications Power (HAM, Shortwave, etc), mobile			X	X
Alternative cooking devices/tools in use routinely	X	X		
Alternative cooking devices/tools, on hand	X	X	X	X
Alternative heating & cooling devices/tools in use routinely	X	X		
Alternative heating & cooling devices/tools, on hand	X	X	X	X

Attribute	Homesteader	Self-Reliant	Prepper	Survivalist
Alternative Transportation (other than fossil or bio fueled, ie: foot, bicycle, animal)	X	X	X	X
Animal & Livestock skills (caring, breeding, utilizing for food, leather, etc)	X	X		
Basic carpentry skills used routinely	X	X		
Basic electrical skills used routinely	X	X		
Basic plumbing skills used routinely	X	X		
Bio-fuel skills (kerosene, diesel) used infrequently	X	X	X	X
Bio-fuel skills (kerosene, diesel) used routinely	X	X		
Defense, Safety, Security (2-legged and 4-legged, fire, health and general safety)	X	X	X	X
Defense, Safety, Security ( <i>maybe</i> 2-legged and <i>mostly</i> 4-legged, fire, health and general safety)	X	X		
Defense, Safety, Security ( <i>mostly</i> 2-legged and <i>maybe</i> 4-legged, fire, health and general safety)			X	X
Emergency Retreat (at least one), fixed	X	X	X	X
Emergency Retreat (at least one), mobile			X	X
Emergency Retreat (more than one), fixed			X	X
Emergency Retreat (more than one), mobile			X	X
Emergency Supply Bag, household	X	X	X	X
Emergency Supply Bag, personal			X	X
Emergency Supply Bag, vehicle	X	X	X	X
Emergency Supply Bag, cached/stashed	X		X	X
Fix/Mend (like darning socks, patching shirts & pants, fixing or repairing an appliance, equipment or machinery)	X	X		X
Food Gardening, Seed Saving, Orchard skills	X	X	X	
Food Stores for up to a month	X	X	X	
Food Stores good for an entire season (3-5 months)	X	X		
Forages at least once a year	X	X	X	X
Forages routinely			X	X
Found in Rural areas	X	X	X	X
Found in Suburban areas	X	X	X	X
Found in Urban areas	X	X	X	X
Grows/Preserves own medicinals routinely	X	X		
Grows/Raises/Preserves own food, at least 50%	X	X		
Grows/Raises/Preserves some of their own food	X	X	X	X
Has networking Groups	X	X	X	X
Health & Physical Fitness Program (either via hard chores (such as farm/ranch) or via specific sports and gyms), at least once a week	X	X	X	X
Health & Physical Fitness Program (either via hard chores (such as farm/ranch) or via specific sports and gyms), more than once a week	X	X		X
Hunts/Fishes and preserves catch at least once a year	X	X	X	X
Hunts/Fishes and preserves catch routinely	X	X		
Keeps emergency supplies in home and vehicles	X	X	X	X
Leather Skills (hides, tanning, etc.)	X	X		X
Lumber & Wood working skills	X	X		

Attribute	Homesteader	Self-Reliant	Prepper	Survivalist
Mechanical Skills, vehicle/farm machinery utilized at least once a year	X	X	X	X
Mechanical Skills, vehicle/farm machinery utilized routinely	X	X		
Military skills (scouting, reconnaissance, defense, offense, etc)			X	X
Outdoor/Wilderness skills	X	X	X	X
Preparedness, General, common natural disasters to area	X	X	X	X
Preparedness, General, likely human-made emergencies to the area like sink-holes, water main breaks, brown outs & power outages	X	X	X	X
Preparedness, SHTF (or long term), specifically			X	X
Preparedness, SHTF (or long term) but not specifically (IE: does NOT specifically prepare for a long term crisis of more than 1 season)	X	X		
Produces & Makes most of their own: milk, cheese & other dairy products, baked goods, condiments routinely	X	X		
Produces & Makes most of their own: milk, cheese & other dairy products, baked goods, condiments at least once a year	X	X	X	X
Renewable energy, portable			X	X
Renewable energy, purchased system, outside vendor maintained	X	X	X	X
Renewable energy, purchased system, self maintained	X	X		
Repurpose/Reuse, rather than use, toss, purchase to replace	X	X		X
Sews/Knits/Crochets/Weaves routinely	X	X		
Situational Awareness, routinely	X		X	X
Situational Awareness, only in crisis	X	X	X	
Strategic planning skills	X	X	X	X
Tracking skills used at least once a year	X	X	X	X
Tracking skills used routinely	X	X		X
Trained in basic first-aid, animals	X	X		
Trained in basic first-aid, humans	X	X	X	X
Utility Dependent (electric, gas (natural or propane), water, waste water, cooking, heating, cooling)	X	X	X	X
Utility Independent (electric, gas (natural or propane), water, waste water, cooking, heating, cooling), less than 50%	X	X	X	X
Utility Independent (electric, gas (natural or propane), water, waste water, cooking, heating, cooling), 50-70%	X	X		
Utility Independent (electric, gas (natural or propane), water, waste water, cooking, heating, cooling), 70-90%	X	X		
Utility Independent (electric, gas (natural or propane), water, waste water, cooking, heating, cooling), 90-100%	X	X		



***“Anyone who is naive enough to think that bad things cannot happen here or to them, not only has their head in the sand; their butts are sticking up in the air waiting to be run over by a freight train”  
My Grandmother  
(It sounds really cool in Italian)***

In my book these terms are extensively interwoven and in some cases, interdependent – yet there are slight differences.

In the past, these words had very common and down to earth usage. Society as a whole was much closer to what it took to provide our necessity to life needs than it is today. It was almost impossible to miss-use these words.

Time, history and media have altered and miss-used these words to the point of what was once considered a good common sense and prolific attribute, when these words were used, now has some kind of derogatory or hidden agenda associated to them. This is especially so when the “news” is about an extreme variant to one or more of these words. Much like the muddled meaning of militia today.



Hence, to all those who are stuck on the zealous and extreme “meanings” of these words, here are what I perceive as their true definitions:

## Self-Reliant

adjective

Relying on oneself or on one's own powers, resources, etc.

Having confidence in and exercising one's own powers or judgment

adverb

self-re•li•ant•ly

Origin: 1840–50; First Known Use of SELF-RELIANT 1848

## Homestead

noun

A house and the farm/ranchland it is on; the home and adjoining land occupied by a family; an ancestral home

A tract of land acquired from United States public lands by filing a record and living on and cultivating the tract (see Homestead Act)

First Known Use of HOMESTEAD before 12th century

## Homesteader

noun

The owner or holder of a homestead

( US ), ( Canadian ) a person who acquires or possesses land under a homestead law

A person taking part in a homesteading lifestyle see Self-reliant.

Origin: 1860–65, Americanism; homestead + -er1

## Preparedness

noun

The state of being prepared; readiness; the fact of being ready for something: the state of being prepared

The quality or state of being prepared; especially: a state of adequate preparation in case of war

Origin: 1580–90; prepared + -ness; First Known Use of PREPAREDNESS 1590

## Prepper

noun

A person being or striving to be prepared; readiness for something; expected or unexpected (hazard, emergency, disaster, etc.)

A person focusing on being prepared for some hazard, emergency, disaster, etc.

A person actively preparing or being prepared for situations that may affect the stability of home, life, or financial situation.

Variante: Doomsday Prepper (derogatory) A person preparing for the worst case scenario, near ELE (extinction level event) and the like.

First Known Use: The oldest use of this noun that TNT could find dates back to a 1971 article in Survival News on preparedness and survivalism.

## Survivalist

noun

A wilderness guide/military person who has been taught to survive the worst situation while in the field/trail

An individual with the goods, knowledge and skills to survive on their own in the worst case scenario

A person who believes in ensuring his/her personal survival of a catastrophic event

A person who is prepared or preparing for the worst possible scenario; generally thought of as some kind of social/economic collapse or war.

Variant: Doomsday Survivalist (derogatory) A person who believes in ensuring his/her personal survival of a catastrophic event, including the use of lethal force

Origin: 1965–70; survival + -ist



### In closing I would like stress a few things;

**First** – Being prepared for the likely and unexpected crisis does *not* equal having a stock pile of stuff and gadgets. It is mostly about awareness, practiced plans and physical skills. Stuff and gadgets will do you no good if you don't have the skills to utilize them and the time to learn is NOT while in the midst's of the crisis itself. It also does not mean that you have to live in the here and now as you would in the SHTF environment. It merely means that you have the goods, knowledge and skills to do so when needed, *without* having to pull out a set of instructions in order to do so.

**Second** – There is no particular “right way” to be prepared. In fact there are only two ways a preparedness plan can be wrong:

- a) You build a house straddling the San Andres fault and the only earthquake preparedness you do is meeting earthquake building codes.
- b) You have an opportunity to gain a tool or skill and for whatever reason you do not, and then a crisis hits where you really need that tool, thing or skill (to avoid trials and tribulations or just to survive) AND as a result *you become a danger* to yourself or others around you because you don't have this tool, thing or skill.

**Thirdly** – Defense, Safety and Security does *not* specifically equal lethal force or firearms! There are many ways to avoid lethal force. Really skilled individuals even know plenty of ways to avoid injury inducing force and still protect themselves. So don't avoid defense, safety and security all together just because you oppose lethal force. Nor should anyone avoid the medical and fire precautions and safety. There will be good people, bad people, scared people and prepared people after a crisis. The criminals and psychopaths will be a deadly danger to everyone else and the unprepared can turn criminal and deadly if they are in a panicked survival mode. Reasoning, rationalizing or providing food and shelter alone, will not work with these people. If it did we would not need psychiatrists or prisons in the first place. Defense, safety and security are critical aspects of a self-reliant, homesteader, preparedness or survival mindset. This cannot be ignored. If you do, you are putting you and your loved ones at risk.

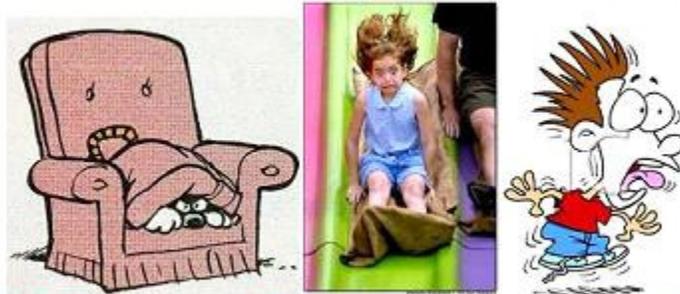
**Fourth** – A crisis can hit an individual, a household, an area, region, country or multiple countries. It does NOT care if you are law abiding or not, rich or poor, what your spiritual or political beliefs are, what gender or color you skin is, if you are entitled or not, if you are young or old, or from a different country or not. A crisis just IS. Most times there is no warning that the crisis is coming – it just HITS. Which means the people effected by the crisis are every possible type and classification you can think of and money won't buy one's way out of the line of fire, nor can *any* government be there in a timely fashion for *everyone* effected by the crisis. This means that first and foremost the **responsibility of survival falls on each individual** and not anyone or anything else!

***“The highest manifestation of life consists in this: that a being governs its own actions. A thing which is always subject to the direction of another is somewhat of a dead thing.”***

***St. Thomas Aquinas  
1225-1274, Italian Scholastic Philosopher and Theologian***

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**Be Prepared**



**Not Scared**