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Tim Draper, Partner at Draper Fisher Jurvetson, suggests that entrepreneurs are heroes because they are the real change agents in the world. Although politicians often recognize and propose programs to address problems, it is most often entrepreneurs who actually fix problems by taking big risks to achieve their vision.



Transcript

So entrepreneurs are heroes.. In my mind they take long odds at extraordinary outcomes.. They take a social risk because everybody thinks they are a little crazy.. They take a financial risk because there are not getting a paycheck if they just leave their job.. And they take a career risk because if they leave their job they are never sure if they are going to be able to go back.. So it's a big risk, but it's entrepreneurs that have made our lives so great.. The way I started to think about this was, whenever you hear a politician, they say, "I've got a great program for healthcare or I've got a great program for peace, or I've got a great program for energy policy or the environment or whatever." But I've actually mostly seen politicians create those problems.. It's more likely that a politician will either create or identify these kinds of problems and then what happens is businesses solve them.. So it's people like you who go out there and make the world a different kind of a place.. You make it better if things work better, if things happen better and it happens because one individual or a team of individuals goes out and they say the world should work this way and I need to paint this portrait and I'm going to show the world how that works...