

**EPISODE 173**

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FT: Hey everyone, welcome back to So Money. Headed out for the 4th of July Weekend, right? Hope you're having a wonderful time, getting ready for the weekend, the holiday, Independence day. And assuming that some of you might be on the road, looking for something good to listen to, I decided to dedicate today to an oldie, but a goodie. Mr. Money Mustache. I think he is, to date, the most popular show, the most popular interview I have done to date. Exceeding Tony Robbins, exceeding Robert Kiyosaki, exceeding Margaret Cho. He is, hands down, the most popular and I'm honored to say that I had his wife on earlier this last week actually. Mrs. Money Mustache, Simi was on the show. And I dunno, maybe I'll get their son on one day as well. I love the family. I love the Mustache family. And so, Mr. Money Mustache is a replay today from earlier this year when I interviewed him, but it's just the kind of episode that really puts a smile to your face.

Mr. Money Mustache is a 30 something retiree who now writes about personal finance on his blog. He's got a cultish following. He likes to take 2 month-long vacations and he is somebody that many people aspire to become. And in fact, many of my friends who know what I do and they're smart, they don't necessarily know all the financial blogs that I read or the financial stories that I'm covering, but they do know Mr. Money Mustache. So he has found his tribe, let me tell you. And I actually met him a couple of years ago when I flew out to interview him in his house in Colorado. He is really down to earth, he's good natured, he's kind of got this badass persona online, and he definitely is a bit of a financial rebel, but he's a total sweetheart. And I think that Pete, as his name is in real life, is totally lovable and it shines through this conversation that we have on So Money.

Several takeaways from our interview with Pete, Mr. Money Mustache, is one: How he was able to retire at 30, and what are the rules behind that kind of an early retirement. Like that's early retirement on crack! I mean, we talk about retiring early at 50, 40. 30?? How does that work? And what are the rules behind his religion, also known as Mustachianism. The cultural forces

that pressure us to spend beyond our needs. He talks about this, Mrs. Money Mustache also addressed this in her interview with me. And also he talks about the drivers of happiness and why a lot of us have yet to figure out the whole "happiness" thing. Well, he's found it and he is happy. And he spreads that love and happiness on the podcast.

Ready, set go. Here we are, Mr. Money Mustache replay.

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