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I've lived my whole life outside of the us, and as half finish half American I don't really relate to the us side of me. I've been there 2 times in 40 years. Due to FBAR and FATCA I have had to plan the last decade of my life around it. I don't own my our house, my wife does. The reason is that after a few years the exchange rate creates problems in addition to living in a country far more expensive then the us. Many of the banks won't accept me as a customer.. I can't save money in any other place than a bank and that always looses to inflation. If I forget a bank account I'm reporting I can be bankrupt in penalties. How is this fair? I understand that drug lords and whatnots are the aim behind the whole fatca thing but I'm an ordinary person that is caught up in this. Besides fatca I can't even save money in anything other than a bank account. Everything else is not safe. So any pursuit of happiness does not exist in my world.