

You value tradition, plus you never want to hear criticism. You agonize over the possibility that others might think you have bad taste, or that you've made a terrible gaffe or faux pas. You're extremely sensitive to the opinions of others.

This is why you like designer labels. It's safe to wear what is considered to be *la crème de la crème*. Who could criticize you? You're bulletproof! (This is also why you can spot a Louis Vuitton at ten paces.)

You want to look like you pay your taxes, you wear deodorant, and you floss twice a day. You are a law-abiding citizen who always makes your bed.⁴

Capricorns are courteous. ("Step away from the car.") You obey rules and regulations. You are punctual, and like to be perceived as being correct. You also give the impression that you are well-informed about whatever is important at the moment. (What is important is whatever everybody is talking about.) *You want respect.*

"It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation,
and only one bad one to lose it."

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

American Politician, Inventor, Author,
and a Founding Father of the United States of America
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Your need for prestige and respect should come as no surprise when you consider that your symbol is the Mountain Goat. This is why many of you are social climbers. You love to rub shoulders with the rich and famous. Not only do you have the thrill of the moment, but what a story to tell!

Perhaps this is why from an early age you always intended to *be* somebody. It's a destiny factor.

All Capricorns have an interest in politics. Many Capricorns go *into* politics. If they don't go into politics in a formal sense, they are politically involved with groups and organizations in their own community. It's what they do for a hobby. They get "involved." Most Capricorns think hobbies that are just for pleasure are a trivial waste of time. They prefer to use their spare time to create organizations to help their community — and they *love* doing this!

Your fabulous skill in establishing organizational structures is also how you establish your popularity and heighten your social standing in your group. You might do this through your church, your kids' schools, sporting events, or for any cause you wish to endorse. You're the person who *makes things happen!*

4. It's a big deal to Capricorns to have their bed made. For starters, many of you actually *do* make your bed every day. But if a surprise visitor witnesses your unmade bed, you will apologize for this with a swift explanation. My mother is Capricorn Rising, and I have always suspected she makes her bed before she gets out of it. (It even looks made when she's in it!)