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You've got 2 fighting groups here, which seem to be offended with each other, but agree more than they realize.

In America - hired service is priced too low, with the expectation of tips to be the primary source of pay. For instance, at a restaurant, your dinner is priced for the restaurant's cost and margin. The restaurant does not really pay the waitress. YOU pay the waitress. And you pay her as much as you think she was worth. If she was bad, you pay her less. If she was good, you pay her more. Hence she has incentive to be good. But you pay her SOMETHING either way. To not tip, or tip very low, is very bad form.

One side isn't saying not to tip a waitress in this system. They're saying the system is screwy. Good service from the waitress is an expected part of the dinner, which the restaurant should provide. The restaurant should pay the waitress all that she's worth. And of course, passing that off on to the customer in the form of higher prices is fine. At least, as a customer, it's then right there in writing what we're really expected to pay for our dinner experience. No iffiness or guessing needed.

Some countries are like that. And some others go completely the opposite direction. The barter system. Not only is it up to you what to tip the waitress, but you can negotiate the price of the meal with the restaurant as well.

It's not right vs. wrong, just a different way to do things. I prefer the set prices, no tips, myself. But in the system we are in, tipping is expected for the more personal type of services. And you just follow the rule, that's all.