
Troubles, Traumas and Tribulations of Today's Youth

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Abstract

Time has changed so do the social issues. Problems arising among the youth are at the alarming state. The main problems include smoking, gangsterism and illegal racing. The youth of today has been widely outclassed; they do not consider themselves to be too young to be pampered, and they are not supposed to be old enough to take responsibility on their own shoulders. This paper attempts to look into the problems of youth in modern society.

Introduction

Old people always complain that the young are not as they were. The same observation and comment is made from generation to generation and it is always true. Many parents have lost their hold on their children. Every new generation is different from the one that preceded it. The old always assume that they know best that they have been around a bit longer. They don't like to feel that their values are being questioned or threatened.

The young ones are improved; they have a much more money to spend and enjoy more freedom. They develop speedily and are not so dependent on their parents. They consider themselves more and do not blindly acknowledge the standards and principles of their elders.

Sometimes older generation use aggression to solve the problems of young ones. The youth sometimes find themselves dejected, miserable and guilt-ridden as an individual; so passionate and fanatical with mean purpose and the aspiration to accumulate more and more material goods.

Traditionally, the young have turned to the older for guidance. And the old can learn from their children.

Even the youths may be affected by loads of stuff over which they have no power over and this is what we call life. There are many problems for which there is much that youths can do. If these problems are not handled now, the youths will be ceaselessly handicapped.

Youth is a time for preparing for prospect life. Youths build upper limit over themselves and cannot go through as adults. Too many enter adulthood unprepared. They need to get themselves prepared socially and collectively; mentally and psychologically; spiritually and morally and last but not

least physically. It is dreadful that importance is placed on lesser preparations and the spirit is ignored.

Youth are blameworthy of pushing life, impatient to grow up and are always desirous to be bigger than they are. But often it is observed that the adults also want to be younger. It is difficult for them to accept that each stage of life has its lucky thing.

Youths are to some extent like fruits; if not allowed to season they will be unbreakable and harsh. The maturing process should not be hard-pressed or it will bounce back. Maturity and development takes time.

Some societies promote early dating; fashion that is boastful, grown-up activities to the extent the child does not have time nor opportunity to ever be a child. The ten and twelve year old dress like they were twenty-five. This freedom without guidance leads to their corruption. It also leads to frustration with life and burned out on life before entering adulthood. Some youths get bored with life so early that it seems that they are forced to live.

Youths face the problem of tremendous social pressure called peer pressure. This age is the most difficult part of life and each and every one of us have to pass. There are pressures by either dares or threats into doing what one would rather avoid. Though all people, young and old, face this pressure but young people need to learn to cope with it early in life.

Youths need to learn to be themselves, have own identity and not merely imitating others. They need to think for themselves rather than blindly following the way of the mass. They must be trained to set on their own feet and be free from others to the extent that they should not let others rule their life.

When a child is born, everybody cares for him, every decision is made in his favor and the child develop love

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and trust for his parents. But as he grows older he realize that adults do not always follow what they say nor are they always correct. This assurance sometimes proves to be a distressing to them. As nobody is perfect, even adults. The elders are also human beings and are facing several troubles and hazard of which youths are not yet aware.

Communication gap between them and their elders is again a problem. The elders believe themselves to be old enough for taking their own decisions for matters personal or social while the young refuse to hand over this responsibility to them.

Sometimes youth hesitate to take their parents' advice in different matters, especially when they land up in taking up the wrong decision. Today`s youth is more sociable, extrovert, extravagant, exaggerated in their aspirations; they wish to lead a luxurious lifestyle.

Unfortunately, there are many young people who cannot even afford to get the elementary education even. Some remain illiterate and are disgracefully and pitilessly forced into child labor, doing jobs which are meant for older people and illegal activities, when they should be learning and enjoying life like the rest of their age group. Some of them are physically and mentally challenged.

Love issues are also responsible for destruction of lives either by suicide or by wretchedness which renders them mentally out of shape. The depression overpowers them and very few are able to cope up with it as another aspect of the ups and downs of life.

Youths today face more hostile world than the one in which their parents grew up. They also experience greater fears and worries; the fear of violence, drugs, AIDS and divorce are problems most adults didn't even consider while growing, yet they are commonplace among youths today. Sometimes the anti-social activities with false charms attract them into vigorous involvement. The reasons behind the deviation and problems faced by the youth are many as they go through adolescence and experience rapid changes; physical, psychological and intellectual. It is therefore, essential to provide them with the tools of self-control coupled with intelligent direction in order to bring them closer to a good life.

Fractured Families i.e. nuclear families and divorce is another problem faced by youths. The consequence of divorce can be extremely hurting for both youths and

adults. Youth of divorce parents suffer from behavioral, social, academic, and psychological problems. Increased Isolation is the result of the same. Sometimes youths lack a sense of association and have few close friends with whom they feel comfortable discussing problems or sharing ideas. Sometimes they eat alone, travel alone, and entertain themselves alone. Distance and aversion between the youth and parents is an alarming problem. It splits the community whereby the youth and the elders do not respect each other, which is amongst the greatest dangers that threaten the well-being of the society.

Movies, TV shows, magazines have portrayed youths as constantly surrounded by group of friends who grow up with them through school and maintain that bond as adults. The reality for most teen is quite different.

Idleness is a disease that kills brainpower, rationalism and physical strength because the body requires activity. The youth should occupy himself with activities and hobbies that suit him and to become an active member of the society who works for himself and for the sake of others.

Conclusion

In an ideal world, all parents would provide consistent and loving guidance and training for their children. They would talk to them, eat with them, and understand them.

The youth needs shared time, honest and open communication from their parents. Apart from this, developing fellow feelings for parents and understanding the causes of deviation and problems faced by the youth is also important.

Without a doubt, youths today have many advantages. But they also face unprecedented challenges. The youths, parents and community should make an effort to eliminate this aloofness amongst them. The community with its youths and elders is like one body - if one part of it corrupts, the whole body will be lead to devastation.

The elders should realize their responsibility towards reformation of the young and the youth should respect the opinions of the elders and accept their guidance for they have experience of the realities of life, which the youth lack. An insight of the elders and the might of the young will together shape a blissful and flourishing society.