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**Family Narrative Research**

The generation gap is real which is affected by many factors and affects all family members over time. The change in society brings change in attitude, thinking, and behavior of the people (Kim). This change can be easily understood by analyzing the perspective of family members from different generations. It helps to understand how each generation understands different things according to the behavior and culture they lived in (Friedenberg). The main purpose of the family narrative research paper is to analyze the difference between opinions and values of the same family members who are from different generations. For the purpose, interview-based research has been made in which three women that is my mother, grandmother, and great grandmother were asked for various questions to identify the differences.

I am Puerto Rican which means heritage and culture filled with Europeans, Spaniards, and Tianos. The race itself is so diverse that carry ethics not from one race but three. The cultural identity that can be seen in the amazing Puerto Rican dinner that includes Malta, red beans, white rice, and fried chicken. Due to the diverse race in culture, our family does not acquire pride in blood based on color or race but we have pride in our beautiful culture and tradition. All the good norms and values are combined in this race. Therefore, the family also show generosity towards other cultures. I have asked three ladies about the background they are from. The answer of great grandmother depicts that our culture is so diverse which teaches us that respect and kindness is everything. No one has the right to feel superior based on their race. I got a similar reply from the grandmother who thinks that it is good to identify your culture and its values but you should also respect other cultures and their values. My mother has the most liberal answer who believed that why should we respect other races or cultures in our nation, even if we are meeting with the people from another country, we should show the same hospitality because humanity is the most important thing. We can be separated by boundaries but we all are human beings and cultures are made by us only.

Besides culture, I belong to a religious family, on this point I have noticed a big difference in the thinking of ladies. I have asked whether it is important to be religious and how important is catholic religion. Great-grandma believes it is important to spend life according to religion. The Catholic religion is the real religion and important to get the blessing of God. Parents should teach their children about religion and strictness is also okay to make them obliged rituals. Grandmother believes that our religion is a beautiful religion but all other religions also teach about love and peace. Therefore, it is more important to spread love and peace in society rather than just focusing on performing rituals. Visiting church helps you to seek inner peace but you can also remember God while doing the normal daily tasks. My mother believes that it is the right of the person whether he wants to follow rituals or not. It is the matter of choice and parents or guardians cannot restrict their children to follow their beliefs. It indicates that over a generation, the rigidness and stubbornness based on religion are losing its note and every new generation is more liberal than the previous one.

Marriage is also an important aspect of our society so I asked them about their perspective on marriage. The role of religion was an issue but in contemporary time, role of gender is also an issue among marriage perception. My great-grandmother explained that in their time, it was important to marry a person who was from the same religion but the race was not the priority as we are Puerto Rican. The person who tried to marry outside religion was considered a bad or sinful man. Therefore, we cannot even think about the partner outside our religion. My grandmother believed that love does not notice color, race or religion, it just happens. Therefore, we cannot put barriers on someone's choice but it is good to marry within the same religion as it helps to develop a home environment with similar thoughts and identity. My mother believes that you should marry a person who respects you and care about you. Religion tells us the way of life but with whom we want to spend life should be a personal choice. Therefore, for her, religion and marriage should be considered separately. Besides this difference, all three ladies were against same-sex marriage. They believe that it is against the nature and we should not do that.

There was an occasion when a sharp generation gap was noticed in our family. It was the day of the election and my family had different political views and choices according to which they selected their favorite party. My grandmother had chosen the party who talk more about the religious statement and promised to the public that they will raise the image of their religion. My grandmother was with the party who talked about the basic necessities and issues of the public. Whereas my mother chooses the party based on freedom of speech they talked about. The difference in their choices was based on their priority, values, culture, and belief.

Through communication with three female members of my family, I realized that every generation carry values, thoughts, and thinking from their parents. However, the present condition of society affects the nature of the new generation and changes their perceptions of different things.

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