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# Introduction

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# Discussion

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There are several different social rejections or outcast forms ranging from the rejections from the parents to the social outcast at school, religious shunning and even rejection at the interview for the job. So a question generally emerges into our mind that what reasons constitute the causes of social rejection? Mainly outcast has 4 main group classifications:

1. **Interference in the Group’s Goal**

From the biological perspective of the survival of the fittest concept, only those people are accepted in the group that has something that can contribute to the benefit of the group. Only those group members can be allowed socially into the group that conforms to this principle. People who show up to be different and possess behavior that is ungrouped like are at higher risk of rejected and labeled as an outcast. People of this type may include people with different socioeconomic status, race, culture, cast, having low academic skills, disable people, and people that may have different hobbies and skills. In all these above-mentioned cases, providing benefits to the group and having a good social skill can override other hindrances that may be present in conforming to the group norms.

1. **Pose Danger to the Group**

Sometimes people are excluded from the group and outcast because they endanger the group. This danger could be posed with several distinct features which include sick people with the contagious diseases, mentally sick people, intimidating personalities, people challenging the group’s core belief, and the member who effects the group negatively.

1. **Deemed to Offer No Group Benefit**

When sometimes, there is no danger to the group, there are certain cases when people of the group feel that their roles and tasks are fulfilled and they have enough people in their group. If an outsider comes to fill in the already filled task, then it is of no benefit to the group and such people are outcast of that society.

1. **Painful Projection Rejection**

If a person has any negative traits and group may consider that trait to be painful because they have the same traits affecting them badly, then such a person is made an outcast. So if a certain person lacks confidence and has any insecurity, which may mirror the insecurities of other people in the group then such person is made an outcast of the society.

If someone is accepting the label of an outcast, it means that he is a weak person because not striving to put that label away from itself and getting into the spot of hopelessness is only accepted by timid minds. People who are labeled as such should not hide in themselves but should strive for success. By recognizing the behavioral tendency that makes us different, people must try to overcome such behaviors because at the end only one that can strive will remain.

**Conclusion**

Basically, the fact that societies act as labeling someone as an outcast is a clear depiction of the harsh behavior that the people of that society exhibits. This is because it is very harsh for people to judge others without considering the hardships that other people may have gone through. Although it is a natural phenomenon only those societies will be remembered who accept the differences and keep the weak people of the society at the same pace as that of changing world. Although I have a feeling for people who are labeled as an outcast I myself is never subjected to any outcast because I know how to deal with situations if someone tries to label me as an outcast.

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