Rite of Passage

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In various stages of transition into adulthood, there exist numerous activities which take place. Some of the prominent activities comprise educational, social and economic relevance. Societal transitions are meant to offer ease to teenagers to transition into adulthood. Physical initiation was the most common activity prior to these activities (Munthali & Zulu, 2007). In the contemporary era. Initiation rites have become social essentially. For instance, going to the senior prom, attending the sweet sixteen party, joining the branch of military, sorority or fraternity, voting for the very first time and becoming a father or mother are social trends indicating transition into adulthood. However, I am of the view that young adults should not be dependent entirely on initiation rites. These rites were barbaric in the past but have evolved with the passage of time.

Besides, the significant initiation rites indicating transition into adulthood these days is getting a driving license, seeking ways to earn money through the job or another venture and reflecting signs of maturity (“The,” n.d.). Irrefutably, these initiation rites have become changed with the time and cast a dominant impact. However, it is not necessary for a person to transition into adulthood after earning a driving license as character matters the most. I believe driving license ought not to be deemed proof of a person entering adulthood. Society deems it a potential mean among others for the transition into adulthood. It is imperative to highlight social networking trends dictate the contemporary initiation rituals which used to be physical in the past (“Rites Of Passage In Adolescence,” 2014). Instagram, Facebook and Twitter are home to identifying the transition of a teen into adulthood through activity, posts and pictures.

**Response 1:**

The post made by Joel offers a comprehensive account of the transition phase from childhood into adulthood. Hazing is discussed which supplemented the discussion indicating the barbaric practice is observed in the past. Entering college is termed as the common initiation rites these days. Essentially, a different form of rite would have best served the purpose as college sounds obvious. If a person cannot enter college because of financial constraints or other issues, he/she still manages to enter the paradigm of adulthood influenced by age factor and social activities (“Rites of Passage as a Framework for Community Interventions with Youth by David G. Blumenkrantz, PhD, & Marc B. Goldstein, PhD in GJCPP Volume 1 Issue 2 2010,” n.d.). Joel advanced to discuss personal initiation of the rite which was Basic Military Training (BMT) which is critical to be discussed. The training proved productive and was aimed at pursuing the aim rather than following the herd of people. I profoundly admire it because it is not necessary to follow initiation rites defined by society to follow in order to make a transition into adulthood (“Youth Rites of Passage and Initiation,” n.d.).

**Response 2:**

The sound post offers a critique of initiation rites observed these days. Jean, being an elder member of the class in comparison to others, deems the rites have changed immensely. A comparison with made between the rites which occurred in Jean’s transition and which occur these days. I am urged to say the post provides keen insights and a tremendous analysis which calls for eradicating the need for teenagers to observe these initiation rites. Graduation, getting a car, moving outside the home or getting married was something to cherish about in the past (Shapiro & Margolin, 2014). However, they have become a petty matter and influences of social media have dominated. Jean offers the example of nephews and nieces which augment the debate to highlight the perils of social media. The most inspiring aspect in the post is glorifying the importance of assistance form family in the phase of transition into adulthood. Families play an instrumental role to manifest a smooth transition into adulthood.

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