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Claim of value connecting individual identity and family heritage

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***Introduction***

Every individual in this world follows some of the rules and traditions that are being transferred from his family or the surroundings. Certain things value more for a person and this became more evident to me when I went aboard for my masters where I met people from different communities, religion, and nationalities, etc. I would say that this was the first time when I realized that how important values are for tracing the family heritage of people. Though I was not a person who used to value his traditions and culture a lot but there in aboard, I became more aware regarding the observance of my values. It was the time when I came to realize that values are the primary factor that determine the nature, behavior, and attitude of a person towards life and the people that one encounters. From the values of people, I came to know little more about their family heritage; as a value system is a set of prescriptive and proscriptive beliefs that form the basis of intentional activities and at the same time affect their ethical behavior. It became easy to find how cherished are the value system and family heritage of an individual is, as value system reflects the sense of right and wrong of an individual. The value system that a person follows, is directly connected to his identity. Most of the students, at the campus, were identified from their value system. Values that a person observes directly communicate about his/her identity and the family one belongs to.

***Discussion***

All the years that I spent aboard, I would say that I noticed that family traditions and culture are main factors that shaped up self-identity of people. Value and traditional makes people conscious of what they would wear, what sort of decisions they are going to make. Another thing that I have noticed is that over time, in some families, uniformity of the values has been challenged. One of the challenging realities is that not only people change as they get mature, but at the same time, their values change with time but most of the time this change in values is not easily accepted. For example, when a child grows up, in the beginning, he simply follows the values that he observed in his surrounding i.e. being practiced by his family members, but with time when he/she develops a sense, he starts questioning what he/she is being asked to do. It is a fact that the value system is shaped by the family background, life experiences and environment in which a person lives and not all the people could have the same experience. Families that are more conscious of their heritage and identity are not willing to accept the change in their value system.

Claiming the issue of change in the values overtime must be highlighted at the beginning (introduction) so that the readers could be informed about the issue that people are facing. Informing readers about the issue in start would help in keeping the attention of readers towards central issues so that they could find possible solutions and techniques to mitigate the effects of the issue.

One of the main examples that one could take in consideration of a change in the values of western society can be seen currently. After decades of debate over morals and economy, there has been witnessed a shift in the western society e.g, slavery was a cultural heritage that was eliminated from the economic mainstream. Another major supporting evidence of change on value system is that in the past, they were disliked and considered destructive and now are a part of the daily life of youngsters as they found nothing wrong in those activities, for example, ragging has become an integral part of the university life. Concepts of wrong and right have been changed over time. One of the main evidence of change in values is the emergence of LGBT community and supporters who believed that same sex-marriages should be legalized while in the past, such concepts were not accepted as they challenge their traditional and cultural heritage.

According to the study conducted by Mark Dombeck, this fact cannot be denied that people have an innate sense of beliefs, personal preferences, and values that get buried under the thick layer of expectations, demands, and social morals. Mark also quotes an example in his research that one may have homosexual inclinations, but he abandons these inclinations and gets married (with the opposite sex) for saving himself/herself from the shame and taunts of the society.

Bringing and promoting a change is not an easy thing to do. There could be found two types of opinions about value change i.e. one who supports change in value and those who oppose it. It is important to keep in consideration both the groups. People who oppose a change in values claims that sometimes rebellious people want to bring change that encourages immorality and leads the society towards destruction. Both groups have their logics that they explain by their point of view.

Taking into account, it won’t be wrong to say that no compromise should be done by the opposing view as not all the times change that people demand, takes them towards immorality. Rather it could be said that people wanted to act as per the social demands because not all the society favors the same sort of value system, so people may demand a change by keeping in consideration their present situations and circumstances. For educating the audience about the current issue of change in the value system, the serious tone would be best as it is about the society and value system of every individual about which people used to feel emotional sometimes so it is better to address this issue of the change in value system over time in a serious tone.

***Conclusion***

Issue of change in the value system has its global importance so people must take this issue in consideration and must look at both aspects being provided by both groups (who are in favor and against it). Readers must understand this fact that value system of each of the individual is different from the other one as not all the people have same family background, experience, and social conditions so people must be more careful about which change they are bringing in the value system as it has been seen that value system of one person not only affects others but also may inculcate feelings of change in certain values among others. Values that a person practice gives a reflection of his family heritage and self-identity, so the demand for change in value system must be done carefully as it could affect the family image and heritage as well.