

A CHILD'S RIGHT

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Children are regarded as tomorrow's people and future movers of every nation. Even our great hero, Dr. Jose Rizal focused on the vital role that Filipino youths play as the "hope of the fatherland". As members of society, they are meant to be protected, guided, and loved. They ought to enjoy their basic rights such as having a loving family, good education, a healthy environment, and physical needs. But why do we keep reading news and articles that a newborn baby was abandoned inside a trash can, or a young girl was raped by her own father or uncle? Why are there still children who do not get the life they deserve?

One of the most serious problems around the world these days is child labor. Some are exposed to hazards, like the worst forms of labor, domestic labor, and sexual exploitation. Because of this, thousands of children are forced to stop schooling and choose to work hard instead of seeking knowledge and learnings in school.

Another reason for child labor is poverty. Parents who are so stressed with their life just lay their hands on their children to release anger. Those little innocent children did not do anything to make your life in that condition, so do not blame them. Furthermore, do not let misunderstandings ruin your family. Instead, do everything you can to send your child to school because the only thing that will get you away from poverty is education. Let your child learn what he needs to, for a better future for your family and the country as well.

Every child has their own rights. We need to respect and let them do it according to their will. Do not abuse them. Do not control them. Just like you and anyone else, they are humans. They have feelings and they get hurt and they also want to live a happy life.

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