

GENERATION GAP: A DILEMMA

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They say that change is the only constant thing in the world, and it is a statement that is hard to refute. As time continues to pass, changes, development, growth, and more are inevitable. It is especially evident in the long history of human cultures, traditions, norms, values, and beliefs, all of which have transformed, mixed, and diversified over the years. Time, after all, is an unstoppable force. We are all bound to it, and something that we have a limited amount of. As we try our best to live our lives and use our time pursuing happiness and success, we experience plenty of things and live past various situations. These experiences help define who we are and shape who we will be. The period and conditions in which we have lived forms our views, character, and personality, the things that make us who we are. It is no wonder that people born in different periods will have different and opposite perspectives. This difference and social phenomenon are called the generation gap.

The phrase "generation gap" refers to the distinctions between individuals of younger and older generations, specifically, attitudes, habits, and preferences. It is a dilemma that is characterized by the divide in the opinions and behaviors of two generations. Their understanding of the world was influenced by how the community operated throughout their adolescence. It often results in misunderstandings, miscommunication, lack of engagement, and arguments, especially between parent and child.

Over the years, the world has turned upside down, and many things including family relationships and dynamics have changed. The environment and social conditions

have shifted along with the mentality of children. The youth of today are more exposed to the world and used to a fast-paced and growing society. Children believe that they are already adults and thus capable of being self-sufficient and independent. While it helps in building their self-esteem and self-confidence, too much freedom and lack of supervision can be destructive. On the other hand, some parents and elders find it hard to adjust and adapt to ever-changing trends. Parents paint a certain image of their child in their minds. They want to instill in their kids the same morals, views, and values that they have. Parents want their kids to act by their perception of right and wrong because they think it will be in their best interests.

In the end, everything falls to the lack of engagement, understanding, and communication between the two. In most cases, despite their love and affection for one another, they are both exhausted and unable to comprehend the needs and wants of the other. The love between a parent and a child is one of the most beautiful and purest forms of love in this world. It is something that must be nurtured and given importance. Efforts to bridge the gap should come from both sides and both should strive to develop understanding and acceptance amidst conflicts and clashes in ideals. Both generations must hold mutual respect and advance with consideration for the other.

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