

HOW EDUCATION SHAPES SOCIETY THROUGH TEACHERS' INFLUENCE

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Education is considered to be the basis of development in society. However, at the core of each educational system are the teachers, who influence people far beyond just the class. The teachers not only teach students but also shape their values and make them become responsible members of the community. Thus, education becomes a powerful tool that can develop any society mainly because of its educators.

The teachers have an extremely important function in terms of creating the intellectual and ethical basis of the learners. During their everyday interaction, they teach the students how to think critically and how to behave responsibly. Such traits of character are vital for the person to be able to take part in the life of society actively and responsibly.

Besides educating the minds of their charges, the educators also help instill attitudes and values within the latter. Respect, empathy, honesty, and perseverance are some of the qualities that are developed in the classroom setting. The teachers act as the role models whose words and deeds make an imprint upon the minds of the students. With the development of such qualities in them, the learners can relate well with other people at home, at work, and in the community.

Additionally, education through the efforts of the dedicated teachers makes it possible to lessen social inequalities. Through equal access to learning opportunities, the educators ensure that the students have a chance of improving their standards of living.

In such a manner, the teachers become agents of change and opportunities to the learners who are able to change their lives for the better.

Finally, the teachers also act as nation-builders as they raise future professionals and leaders of the country in different spheres of endeavor such as science, technology, politics, and art among others. The teachers are thus partners in the national development process.

In addition, teachers promote community awareness and involvement. Through lessons on civic responsibility, environmental awareness, and various social issues, teachers instill in students the importance of being socially responsible members of society. In this case, schools act as arenas where students learn to become responsible citizens through the guidance of teachers.

Teachers also demonstrate their influence on education and thus society during periods of change and challenge. During such moments when adaptation becomes important and inevitable in view of technological innovations or educational systems, or even societal issues, teachers become adaptive and guide learners through education.

Finally, it can be concluded that while education affects society greatly, the influence of teachers is what makes education affect society in a special way. Due to the efforts of teachers, students will one day become people who will build a more responsible society.

In other words, every lesson is not only an academic subject but an opportunity to build a better society.

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