

The Problems in Gender Education for Teenagers Aged from 12 to 15 in China

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Abstract: According to the facts and news on the Internet today, it shows that even though the society and education has improved a lot, there are still many shortages in gender education for children. Especially in China, the discrimination in two genders is still very terrible. At school, many elder teachers will tell girls to follow men and tell boys they are greater than girls. This will distort the cognition of the gender situation for the kids. This article will provide some methods to solve these problems in gender education. Movies and schools should set up right cognitions for teenagers and tell them females and males are equal directly. Adolescence is an important time for children to establish right cognition, so adults must make correct guidance in order to prevent the occurrence of gender discrimination.

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1. Introduction

These years, more problems in the education of gender cognition have appeared. Whatever in the movies or schools, some directors and teachers give wrong guidance the gender cognition for kids. The incorrect understanding of gender among students aged from 12 to 19 can have a significant impact on their on their lives. Loss of gender cognition will cause the discrimination between boys and girls, and make the inequality become worse and worse. Also, this problem can still exist when they become adults. Not only in women's daily life, but also in their career and this is a really terrible problem. This article will give some ways to solve the problems based on this situation. And this can help teenagers to own a good environment to learn about gender and reduce the problem of inequality in gender.

2. Findings

Movies and television programs nowadays show that how male achieve the success and the women can only be the beauty and some assistants behind the men. The movie *If You Are the One* describes women as dodders who only cling to men and male characters casually make fun of and comment on women in movies. Also, some teleplays prefer to create the heroine as a person who thinks that love is the most important event in this world. This makes some teenagers consider that if a man can love them, they will have no regrets. For example, in this summer holiday, a TV teleplay which called *Fireworks of My Heart* came out of China. This teleplay portrays a heroine who only knows to enjoy the love from males. She can endure any abuse and violence from the hero. Also, she can break up with her families for the hero and this plot will guide teenagers a wrong direction to see the gender problem. In addition, these kinds of teleplays will show boys that if girls say "No" to them, the girls' true meaning is "Yes" and girls are just too shy to express themselves. The wrong education is not only in the TV shows, but also at school. According to the research, some elder teachers were taught that woman should follow men and when they get marriage, they should go back home and give up all their dreams and just be a homewife. Thus, these teachers, whatever their

gender, are willing to tell their students this vision and ask them to follow. In a Chinese niche documentary which called *The Way Out—Ma Bai Juan*, it is documented that women in a small village have been wrongly guided to live under the pressure of a patriarchal society. The documentary tells the life of this village girl, and she is under the pressure of the patriarch. She wants to go out the village by studying hard, but her father just wants to use her to get more money to support his life. Unfortunately, the girl never has a chance to go outside the village and she was died of dystocia. In addition, if the gender discrimination cannot be reduced, women need to face the discrimination for more years. When female start their career, they still meet many discriminations. They cannot get the same opportunity as men's. The data shows that approximately 70 percent of women can not achieve get the same position on their work as men who even do not have great working skills. Children who are 12 to 15 years old have no idea about the gender cognition and how to stay with isomerism. Thus, the gender problem still not be solved until today because of the wrong guidance from the movies and school teachers.

3. Analysis

According to the survey of the discrimination for gender in China, it has reported that more than fifty percent of males consider that females cannot work well and get success. Also, forty-eight percent of men think that women cannot be the leader of a group. However, it is not the main problem, because not only men but also some women also consider that they are not suitable to do a job. The data shows that about twenty percent of women consider themselves can only take care of babies at home instead of working outside. Also, because women cannot achieve reward for

their efforts, most of them have to come back home and devote themselves to their husband and babies. This phenomenon appears because of the wrong guidance to teenagers. Adults do not set up a right cognition for teenagers and tell them all people are equal whatever their gender is. Also, some teachers at school tell students boys are better at Maths and girls are better at Chinese. Although it is not a direct misleading to teenagers, these words still hint teenagers

that they are be defined. During the growth of children, many adults tell them what boys are good at and girls cannot do well in these aspects. In China, you can easily see that people will recommend boys to study laws and aerospace major. This causes a stereotyping problem that when people think of scientists and doctors, most of them will first think about the people are male. In addition, if the boys who are told women are weak and they need to follow men grow up, they will show their discrimination to the women around them. They will show their malice without reservation. The news reported that a man hit badly on a woman who just rejected his invitation to have a meal together. The woman was hit nearly be disfigured. Also, when women at home, they still need to endure the fury from their husband. According to a report from People's Daily, a woman who is just 25 years old was abused by her husband, and she needs to wear a faeces bag for her whole life. Loss of right gender education can cause a lot of terrible problems and this is not beneficial for the development of society.

4. Solutions

In order to solve these problems, people should pay much more attention on the gender education for kids. Adults need to teach teenagers by personal examples as well as verbal instructions. The scripwriters should think more before writing scripts to avoid misleading teenagers develop wrong views. They need to show women' power to teenagers and tell them women can do as well as men and even better than them. Also, at school, the young teachers can share their ideas with students instead of elder teachers. With the development of the society, young people can get a chance to know more about the equality between two genders and this means they will be less influenced by the traditional feudal concept. In addition, teenagers are aged from 12 to 15 , and during this time it is the best period for them to set up right views. This means the working efficiency of education for gender can be maximized. The government should pay much more attention on the gender education. They need to supervise and urge school to provide gender courses for teenagers. Parents are also important to help teenagers set up right cognition. During the daily life, parents should tell children they should respect each person. Also, they need to tell them women and men all have their advantages, so if they can work together instead of excluding each other they will all get success at last.

5. Conclusion

Responding to the problems which have been pointed out in the gender education will help solve one of the biggest problems in the society today. The discrimination for women has influenced their life a lot. Most of women are hard to get a job and get promotion and salary increasing. Thus, people should pay attention on the gender education problem and teach teenagers right cognition to see the problem. Only by addressing the root cause of the problem we can truly prevent the recurrence of this problem. Also, the maximum working efficiency can appear only when women and men work together and respect with each other. The data shows that the countries and states which respect women's rights and treat them in the same situation as men's develop better than other places. Thus, solving the problems of gender education is beneficial for all people which means the discrimination problem should be killed clearly.

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