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Adolescent Rebellion Causes and Guiding Strategies

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Adolescent rebellion often happens during puberty, a pivotal stage in a child's development. Teenagers are prone to engaging in a variety of aberrant behaviors throughout their rebellious stage, some of which may cause considerable harm to families and society as well as to themselves. The objective of this paper is to examine the reasons for adolescent rebellion in various circumstances and to provide appropriate techniques for guiding teens through this trying time.

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Introduction

ADOLESCENCE is a vital period of development. At some point in their lives, everyone experiments with some type of rebellious conduct. Adolescent rebellion has become a more important topic of debate in light of fast social development and the changing developmental environment of teens. Adolescent rebels should not be associated with troubled adolescents. Rather than that, families, schools, and society should demonstrate complete understanding and respect for their perplexities and worries and give enough assistance and advice to help them navigate this unique time successfully. This paper will discuss the reasons for teenage rebellion from the family, school, and societal viewpoints. Corresponding solutions are also given to assist teenagers in navigating this chaotic era of their lives and direct them in the proper direction.

Demonstration of Adolescent Rebellion and Its Consequences Characteristics of Rebellious Adolescents

In the rebellious period, adolescents make a physical and psychological shift from childhood to maturity. They are frequently described as self-conscious and desirous of independence. They begin to pay attention to their appearances and fashion culture; they become concerned with their peers' perceptions of them and their own evaluations. Moreover, they reject familial control over their conduct and want self-sufficiency. Additionally, as they mature sexually, they develop an acute awareness of their uniqueness and the border between the "self" and the outer world. That is why rebellious adolescents are regarded as being obstinate, prone to excessive conduct, and resistant to established standards (1).

Adolescent Rebellion in the Setting of the Family

Conflicts with parents are such an integral part of adolescent rebellion that some experts characterize it simply as the adolescents' rejection of family values and parental authority. Children in adolescence are no longer their parents' adorable infants, and

parents can no longer enjoy a connection with their children. When parents are confronted with children who become silent and aware of their parents' encroachment into their privacy, the latter may feel confused and unsure of how to communicate effectively. Communication difficulties exacerbate children's resistance to parental punishment. Children are quite prone to acquiring an affinity for loitering outside their homes as long as possible, making friends with street gangsters and engaging in gang conflicts. As a result, the family is forced to pay for all the harm their rebellious children have caused and to worry about their gloomy future (2).

Adolescent Rebellion in the School Setting

School is where children spend the majority of their time while they are not at home. Adolescents may acquire very apathetic and cynical attitudes toward moral education in school and see positive moral training in any form as preaching; they may even intentionally violate school rules and regulations to demonstrate their distinct originality and mindset. These obstinate students have irrational dislikes for schools and professors; they may refuse to take a course out of personal animosity toward the teacher or blame their academic failures on the teacher's incompetence (3). Extreme actions such as truancy, trashing school property, and being excessively violent toward classmates are also possible. These events eventually result in deterioration in academic performance and a negative emotional experience of school life for problem children.

Adolescent Rebellion in the Social Context

China is seeing a large influx of other cultures as a result of fast economic globalization and more reform and opening to the outside world. Popular culture has exploded in the last few decades, having a profound effect on younger generations. It fuels teenagers' love for foreign culture, idolatry, and fondness for imported items (2), and inadvertently causes them to be more critical of native culture and values.

Causes of Adolescent Rebellion Physiological Factors

Adolescents develop enhanced thinking abilities during their adolescent years, as their neurological systems mature. Their cognitive control systems, on the other hand, are underdeveloped, limiting their capacity to prevent impulsive activities. When they come across something unpleasant or undesirable in their studies or lives, their bodies release more adrenaline than normal, resulting in prolonged nerve excitation, uncontrolled thinking, and reactivity to stress, and ultimately in rebellious actions (4).

Home Factors

According to Wei, teens' behavior and personalities are closely tied to their home and educational surroundings (5). At the moment, China's homeschooling system is not conducive to resolving teenage rebellion. The majority of families employ authoritarian parenting techniques rather than democratic ones. Parents sometimes make decisions about their children's situations without listening to their perspectives. From an economic standpoint, there are distinctions in adolescent behavior between

wealthy, middle-class, and impoverished homes. Teenagers from wealthy households are more prone to being self-centered, indifferent to others' feelings, and like flaunting their wealth. In comparison, people from low-income households typically have low self-esteem and respond poorly to any stress caused by their substandard living situations. Children who grow up under an authoritarian parenting style and lack proper advice from their parents or good communication with them are more likely to have emotional or psychological issues throughout adolescence, regardless of their financial status. An adolescent who has poor self-esteem is more likely to acquire a rebellious mindset and turn to extreme conduct to resolve conflicts.

School Factors

In China, school-based supportive education for teenage difficulties is woefully inadequate and ineffective. The majority of schools lack teachers who specialize in the psychological well-being of adolescents. Their primary issue is how to raise students' exam scores in key areas and boost their pace of school progression. While some schools provide courses on psychological health, teachers are frequently "stolen" from other courses. The majority of them lack formal education and expertise in child psychology. Given this, opening adolescent-focused psychology courses becomes much more challenging. Additionally, while establishing a school psychological counseling facility is mandatory in some locations, it is ineffective. Students seldom attend there, even when they feel the need to speak with someone, as a result of widespread discrimination towards those who suffer from psychiatric problems (demonstrating abnormality in social prejudice). In some institutions, the psychological counseling room is established just to satisfy higher-level authorities' requirements, but it is never truly available to students. As a result, teenagers have been denied the proper vehicles for completely comprehending themselves during a unique time of life and relieving psychological pressure.

Social Factors

The information revolution has ushered in a new era of omnipresent and universal communication. While individuals, particularly teens, benefit from the convenience and abundance that networks provide, they may also be harassed by unpleasant and dangerous information that travels swiftly through networks. Furthermore, regulating web-based material is more difficult than regulating conventional mass media, such as cinema ratings, which indiscriminately expose youngsters to adult culture. Adolescents who have not yet formed solid and full judgment can surely be misled by excessive representation of violence and sex in the mainstream media.

How Should Rebellious Teenagers Be Guided? Fostering a Healthy and Harmonious Household Environment

Adolescents benefit significantly from ideal family environments. Every word and action of parents has an effect on their children's conduct. To instill positive and optimistic characteristics in their adolescent children, parents should set an example (6). Children who grow up in a harmonious and secure environment are less prone to anxiety and sadness. Teenagers learn

how to get along with people from their loving parents and sociable brothers and sisters. They have a greater faith in other people, which mean they will automatically seek assistance from family, instructors, and friends when faced with difficulties and failures.

Giving Full Play to School Education's Important Function

Adolescents require highly skilled professional teachers to receive a high-quality psychological well-being education. The school should hire graduates with a psychology background to teach adolescence education courses rather than use instructors from other disciplines and give them enough in-service training to qualify as adolescents' educators.

Adolescents in the junior and senior secondary grades often face significant academic stress. To alleviate their psychological stress, the school should deliver lectures relevant to their learning circumstances. Alternatively, it might invite distinguished specialists in relevant sectors to provide lectures on psychological health to adolescent pupils.

Extracurricular activities have a significant impact on the physical and mental health of kids. The school can expand the campus life of teens by hosting after-class activities such as sports meets, singing competitions, poetry recitations, and art exhibitions to extend their horizons and foster their overall growth. These activities can help kids not just cope with academic pressure, but also develop a more accepting and easy-going attitude toward other people and the environment.

Creating Social Settings That Are Healthy

Community support is critical in guiding disobedient teens. On the one hand, adolescents are unusually keen to establish their identity independently of their parents and other authorities. On the other hand, they have a strong group mentality and a desire for peer approval. The community may assist the young cohort by providing additional facilities for group activities that create a positive social environment and keep them away from delinquent peers. They can not only develop a sense of identity through community group activities, but also learn how to alter their psychology and adapt to society (7).

Additionally, we should raise public awareness about the negative influence on teens of obscene and violent material in books, cinema, television, the Internet, and mobile multimedia. Prospective studies are needed to determine the most effective strategies for reducing the detrimental effects of unsuitable popular culture material on teenagers.

Conclusion

Adolescence is a stage of life between childhood and maturity during which rebellious conduct is a universal occurrence. Teachers and parents who are confronted with rebellious teens should make an effort to understand their psychological and behavioral changes throughout this developmental period, maintain frequent and effective contact with them, and maximize guiding techniques and measures. Families, schools, and society should all take responsibility for creating safe and secure conditions that promote teens' healthy development. ■

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