

Contributions of Human Values in the Society Development

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Abstract. *This study makes an effort to delve into the significance of human values in today's interconnected world. Without human values, human civilization may not be able to maintain itself. Consequently, we must have this conversation in order to raise contemporary society's consciousness of human values. Everybody can see that modern civilization is in the midst of a lot of problems. The contemporary world is well-known to be experiencing a human value crisis. It is thought that by putting human values into practice in every culture, a number of national and international issues might be resolved. In order to achieve this, human dignity must be held in the greatest esteem by all members of human society. When it comes to society, human values are paramount. Priority is given to human ideals rather than societal values. A person's view of humanity as a whole is what gives them worth. While it's true that people are society's primary focus, it's also true that contemporary society can never really disappear so long as people are a part of it. Because of how much better communication is now because to technology, our words, deeds, and thoughts directly impact a wider audience than in the past. By writing this piece, the author hopes to get a better grasp of human values' societal relevance and the role they've played in shaping modern civilization.*

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Introduction: The community in which an individual lives holds their values in very high regard; these values are both admirable and necessary. An individual's character is shaped by the values that hold sway over their lives. A person's values are a reflection of their outlook, values, decisions, connections, beliefs, and aspirations. According to Rokeach (1973), a person's values may be seen as helpful markers of their behaviour and decision-making. Inspiring us to do what is right, these values shape our emotions, ideas, and behaviour. A person's overall growth is aided by their values, which are the underlying principles by which they live their lives. They provide purpose to life and, by extension, happiness, contentment, and serenity. Life is enhanced by values. Persistent beliefs, particular ways of behaving, or ultimate ends to life, combined with a relative significance continuum, are called values (Rokeach, 1973; Ravlin & Meglino, 1987, 1989; Meglino & Ravlin, 1998). One may thus argue that everything that helps people grow as individuals is valuable. This includes actions, ideas, sentiments, and emotions. A value's second related role is to promote the well-being of the broader social unit, including the individual's family, community, and country. A society's foundation rests on its value system. A society's values may change throughout time and from one generation to the next. However, there are universally recognized moral principles that all civilizations adhere to, and these principles are referred to as world values. Instilling values like as bravery, honesty, universal love, reverence for all faiths, reverence for elders, respect for physical labour, service, purity, tranquilly, joy, etc., is the responsibility of elementary and secondary schools.

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communication is now because to technology, our words, deeds, and thoughts directly impact a wider audience than in the past. There are a lot of crimes that we learn about in the news these days, including robberies, murders, genocides, injustices, and corruption in politics and the economy. Among the millions of dedicated readers, they leave an indelible mark on their life. The most impactful mediums have been films and audiovisuals. The moral actions of individuals or groups have repercussions for society as a whole, as may be shown from this. This is where the current research has a sufficient impact.

Objectives of the Study: The study has been carried out with the following objectives-

- To understand the relevance of human values in the society.
- To know about the human values in the politics and in the education system.

Relevance of Human Values:

Frank Lloyd Wright rightly said, "All fine architectural values are human values, else not valuable." Today, we observe huge gaps between belief and action, theory and application. Hypocrisy stems from such gaps. This contradiction has led to stress and tensions in the society. We acknowledge what is right and wish to eradicate it. Unfortunately, our own actions fail it. According to Gandhi, social development must aim at removing this contradiction as much as possible.

Present-day politics and administration broadly acknowledge that power abuse and corruption weaken the nation. A more transparent and accountable administration is a viable solution to this. Administration can be virtuous only if it is based on deeply felt human values. Superficial efforts cannot bring about reforms to the attitude and behavior of human beings unless they are backed by values. Our national leaders were conscious of this and had been emphasizing the human values for betterment of society. Considering the ever rising demands in the public services, and the recurrent ambiguity in the goals, responsibilities and relationships, value conflicts are common.

As value conflicts in various parts of public services are common, the paramount task of managers and leaders is to coordinate, cope or reconcile with conflicting values between individuals or parts of the organization. Moreover, there stand a number of dynamics challenging traditional values in public services including new modes of governance, fragmentation of authority, market-based reforms, politicization and political expectations, decentralization or relocation, the growth in the use of agencies, changes in human resource management and recruitment, methods of information sharing and the advent of new technologies. However, for the success of any organization, it becomes inevitable to demarcate the right balance between traditional values and modern values.

Values as a Guiding Principle of Life:

Any community recognizes the importance of values and embraces them wholeheartedly. By taking up most of a person's time and energy, they enrich and complete their character. Decisions, attitudes, judgments, behaviours, relationships, dreams, and vision all contribute to shaping an individual's values. They direct our thoughts, emotions, and deeds in the appropriate direction. They are important for a person's growth in all areas. They promote contentment, pleasure, and calm by pointing the way through life. Life is enhanced by values. Therefore, everything that helps a person grow as an individual—be it an action, thinking, an idea, a feeling, a sentiment, or an emotion—is valuable. Along with being an individual's responsibility, a value should help improve society as a whole, whether that's at the national or local level. They are the foundation of any community; however they could change with time and throughout cultures. The thing is, every culture has its own set of moral principles that everyone agrees upon.

Significance of Human Values:

Since their foundation, human values have played a pivotal role in the development of the social sciences. Society relies heavily on human values, which are supposedly the bedrock upon which people build a better existence. The core teachings of virtuous living are supposedly included in the sacred texts of every religion. In debates at international assemblies, studies that criticise "value-free" research methods, and discussions on personal fulfillment and quality of life, the relevance of values

is often brought up in connection to national and global challenges. Therefore, values are fundamental to the preservation of cultural assets and are considered particularly vital in matters of cultural growth.

One thing that stands out is that the significance of human values is recognized from a person's early years. In the early years of a child's life, during the preschool years, they learn the basics of social and moral behaviour. Because knowledge on the significance of life is something that is always being shared across society. But the first knowledge isn't just something you pick up in the years leading up to puberty; it's something that stays with you throughout your life. Although these ideals might be subject to change moving forward, they serve as a foundation. Attempting to instill a new habit in a youngster is easier than correcting their bad conduct. To avoid the incorrect development of values education, it is essential to cultivate the child's personality via a deliberate and methodical procedure.

In both personal and societal contexts, human values are impacted by a variety of elements. Instilling moral principles in children begins at home and continues with the support of teachers in the classroom. This is why values education relies so much on classroom instruction, parental involvement, and school policies. Children look up to their families as role models, thus it's important for them to act responsibly as they are the first teachers of life lessons. Teachers and parents should work together since classroom instruction has the greatest impact on students. This collaboration also necessitates a restructuring of educational programmes. Educational events, such as seminars and conferences, can provide a great opportunity for families to become involved during this time. That educational programmes, families, and teachers may all work together effectively. Theorizing "what things in the world are good, desirable, and important" is what value theory is at its core. Source: S.C. Sinha (1990).

Human Values and Society

Unequal distribution of money and income is the fundamental cause of imposing this dearth of human values. When you consider how many Bollywood celebrities, cricketers, politicians, and business magnates there are in India, you'll see that the nation is far from impoverished. The wealth distribution is completely uneven. Although some households see food as a source of contention between children. Everyone should put themselves and their families first while earning money. Then, after trying to invest in chances that provide jobs, one should contribute some to aid the poor.

What do you think about the idea that we are really teaching human values via our educational system if we draw a correlation between the two? It is not enough to just include a unit on human values in the school curriculum; we must also ensure that pupils really learn these values. Actually, kids need a setting in which to feel human values; it is not possible to teach them. This means that in order for today's youth to understand human values, it is essential that society, parents, and educators themselves possess such values.

Human Values in Education System

The goal of education should not be to churn out competent engineers and physicians, but rather decent people. Simply put, a doctor's ability to treat patients depends on his character. Assuming he is emotionally detached and unable to empathies with the suffering of others. No one, no matter their profession—engineer, teacher, marketer, businessman, peon, politician—can do their job well unless they are a decent human being. A person devoid of human values will act more like a robot and follow orders without thinking for himself.

Human Values and Politics

Politicians are now discussing values at length. When one side accuses the other of lacking values, it's usually in relation to some aspect of life, but especially the family. Questions like child support, adultery, and divorce compete with discussions about laws that some see as morally reprehensible, such as the legalization of same-sex marriage. Some stories in the news are just plain ludicrous, like the one about a six-year-old child who was accused of "sexual harassment" for pecking a female playmate on the cheek (which, according to him, she had requested him to do!). When people have different priorities and viewpoints, it's easy for the definition of the term "values" to become muddled.

What we see as valuable or meritorious is what the word "values" refers to. Values that are connected to ethics and morality are referred to as moral values, ethical values, human values, or family values. Plus, our priorities might shift. For instance, some people in the United States justified the genocide of Native American tribes a little over a century ago on the grounds that Europeans saw Native Americans as less than human. Slavery of African Americans was formerly justified by the belief that African Americans were inferior to Europeans and so should be subject to the law. European religious organizations' readings of the Bible and their dogmas provided a moral foundation for the warped value judgments involved in both the Native American genocide and the slavery of African Americans. The rise of rationality and humanistic principles was a defining moment in the fight to end the abuses.

Conclusion: Present society should legalize the urgent need for inculcation and developing human values such as honesty, integrity, trust, loyalty, collaboration, justice, equality, sympathy and love etc. in children and youths because they cannot be enforced through laws. Thousands of laws have been made and enforced but still, there is a crisis of these values in society across the world. Swami Vivekanand focussing on the importance of values states “Moral values and a culture and a religion, maintaining these values are far better than laws and regulations”. There is a need to discuss these values, aware our children and society make it an integral part of our curriculum and current education system at all levels from child care centres to higher educational institutions. If it has not been taken seriously and measures have not been taken as well as proper place was not given in the curriculum and especially support was not sought from the education system, the present society and coming generation will be beyond the control and on the path of danger.

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