ATTITUDES AND BEHAVIORS OF THE 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS TOWARDS THEIR EDUCATION

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According to Mendoza (2014), that the youth is the hope of the Motherland and was once said by Dr. Jose Rizal. This means that the future of our nation lies on the hands of the youth of today’s generation. He believes that youths can be more powerful rather than the aged ones in terms of reshaping the nation’s present appearance. It is because of the rapid changes in our environment that our youths can easily adapt and cope up. Hence, this meaningful and echoing line has been passing from generation to generation but it seems that it has no improvement at all (Terrayo, 2012).

The progress of a nation does not only depend on the youths but on all people. If we are going to look and depend on the youths today, we can say that this famous line is not a hundred percent effective and true anymore. Due to the rapid changes and development nowadays, our youths have also changes and development in terms of their behaviors, personalities, and attitudes most especially to their studies. They tend to go with the so called “trending” that is why they often wanted to be updated on what’s happening and new in social media. They mimic these changes regardless of its negative and positive effects and impact to them as a person, as a student, as a child, and most especially as a citizen of their country.

In addition to these, addiction to social media is one of the factors why students have a changing attitudes and behaviors. It has a major influence on students’ performance in recent years. According to some research, it affects to their mood modification such as engagement in social media that leads to changes in emotional
states, experiencing unpleasant physical and emotional symptoms when social media use is restricted or stopped, behavioral, cognitive, emotional preoccupation with social media, and interpersonal problems ensue because of social media usage and etc. Also, peer pressure is one of the reasons why their attitudes and behaviors are changing. Since they wanted to feel accepted and valued by their friends, you are choosing to do something that you would not use to do. They can be easily influenced of their friends regardless of how positive or negative is the impact and effects of it to them. These are some of the common factors why students’ behaviors and attitudes are already changing.

In this case, we can easily compare and observed the difference between the traditional learners and the learners of today’s generation. These 21st century learners often rely themselves on the trends that is why their attitudes and behaviors are gradually changing. They always wanted to be updated on the trending in social media in a reason that they do not wanted to leave behind with the changes. The basis of their satisfaction in life depends on the numbers of likes and reactions that they will get to other people. So, if they got a less number of likes and reactions, it affects their emotions same with their self-esteem. It could be one of the factors of students’ poor performance inside their class. They tend to adapt these emotions and factors that they unknowingly bring inside their classrooms.

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