CULTURAL AWARENESS AMONG LEARNERS

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Developing one's intellect requires no special elements aside from the fact that he must be willing to address his responsibilities for him to grow in any field. Everyone is given the right to learn and stretching thy gauge for learning is really a thing worth pursuing. Though it has always been quoted that learning is fun, there are various instances where learners could not smile any longer due to the hostility brought by other learners as the former bear different religions and beliefs. This increases the cases of bullying, motivating the affected learners less and affecting the overall performance of the students being bullied.

There will be a clock hit that one would question whether his faith is still appropriate to his environment or if such religion where he belongs still occupies a good space on the society. In a country which most of the people and citizens are actually Catholic, discrimination among other youth members are clear and obvious especially to those Muslim learners. The latter usually are wearing visible emblem of their faith when they go to school, one may be seen wearing hijabs or turbans (Gordon, 2017). Due to such strange dressing up, other learners will start the cycle of bullying making the ones being bullied think that they don't belong in non-Muslim centered schools. In such scenario, it seems as if those who were bullied are actually foreigners in their own country as they are experiencing the worst of all the things yet their only goal in going to school is to learn.
It has been a prevalent case. Bullying has posed great effect to those who were victimized by such. Despite having this Anti-Bullying Act, still, the cases of bullying in the country still lands on a great figure. It seems that aside from studying, there is still one thing to be gone through by a learner in order for him to acquire complete education and that is to be bullied. Probably, such bullying cases brought by people from other religions lack awareness and social consciousness that there really are other religions which really exist and that faith is not just centered to their own belief. There were moments where a learner will be called 'Muslim' during class recitation or discussion. There is no probable harm in such notion however; the way such faith is addressed by other religions is quite discriminating. Due to the prevalent warfare brought by Muslim groups especially those advocating Islamic State which has originated from Iraq and Syria, others were also being stereotyped and were treated as if they will also have this motive of doing suicide bombing and the like thus, the bullying case arises.

According to Lipsett (2008), those who were bullied because of their religious beliefs often began to question their faith, stopped talking about it, or even felt ashamed of it. Moreover, bullying led many young people to self-harm, drink alcohol or take drugs as a consequence.

Various studies are indicating that such bullying deeply affects the victims to the extent that some others are actually committing suicide just to end the burden. If this would be given a closer look (the cases of faith bullying), it can be easily inferred that the main reason enveloping such case is the unconsciousness of people in the society and the lack of social awareness regarding faith. If only they will be informed on the importance of embracing others with different beliefs, then no learners will fear going to school. Individuals must also bear the reasons on why those students especially the Muslim ones are studying in non-Muslim institutions and it is either they are into business or they are affected by manifestation of urban and rural warfare.
Educating oneself centers on the possible intellectual properties that can be obtained from formulas and equations. How learning defines itself is when the students were able to cope up with the lesson and were able to answer the examinations at least in a passing rate however, learning is not centered on concepts. It is still important for the students to be able to know this societal fact that no two persons are the same and that individuals are living symbols of uniqueness. Learners will have different faith or wear different clothes but those concepts do not advocate people to also treat them differently. School is normally the place to have fun but it is also a place to be bullied but such case will be apprehended and at least be prevented if students will be ordered to embrace the truth embodying the society. Education might be the key to success but defying diversity is actually an open door to social unification.

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