MILLENNIAL MENTALITY

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Millennials are the generation of the new age and they are a breed of their own. They have their own views towards the world and the things around them. Through the use of the internet and social media platforms the younger generation can access all the information they could possibly need and because of that they develop a sort of “know it all” mindset. They think that they know everything and that they do not need the help of adults to guide them. They grew up in a world where everything is easy access and they get away for whatever they want. Many parents raised their kids to be the best they can and thought them that they can be whatever they want regardless of what people think. It is a strategy that is both positive and flawed at the same time. It is positive in a way that it builds self-confidence and self-esteem of the children, but if not used correctly this can lead to an ego-inflation that develops to self-entitlement as they grow up.

As much as we all want to raise our children in a positive world of rainbow and sparkles, the real world is not that way. The world is not just one or two shades of color. It is the spectrum ten folds. The problem with Millennials is they carry the same mentality just in different intensity. They think that the superficial things that they deem important to them at the present are constant and that it will never change. They do not see the true meaning of things and can be very oblivious most of the time. The lose sight of the important things like education and learning.

This poses as a challenge for educators as to how they can break through the barrier that mentality erects. Millennials tend to think that adults are beneath them and are not worthy of their respect and attention. As a teacher, it is vital that the students see
a person of authority in a certain level. Though that kind of approach those not work with dealing with the new generation. In their minds position or age does not indicate that they have to follow that person.

In order to get through them, teacher needs to play the trust card. These groups of kids relate to people who understand them and treat them as equal that is why the authority tactic does not work on them. Unlike the previous generation that can identify fear of the higher operatives, Millennials however are not easily intimidated, instead adults that treat them good and with understanding gains their trust and thus respect as well. But by using the trust tactic, the teacher also risk the loss of boundaries and instead of acquirement of confidence they will loss it entirely.

The key factor in dealing with Millennials is the right balance of trust and authority. Being able to be at their level and understanding their minds but being firm enough to determine a sense of authority with them. To make them understand that despite being kind and considerate, teachers are still someone to respect.

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