TEACHERS: HEROES OR TERRORISTS?

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Have you met a teacher along your way today? Perhaps you have met one in your way to your destination this morning and a thought flashed across your mind like, “Oh, a teacher.” then you proceeded as if you’ve just seen no one but an ordinary person just like everyone else in the street.

Decades ago, the society considers teachers as individuals of high honor, dignity, and integrity. People give high regards to these Madams and Sirs with all their heart. They respect each and every one of them in words and in deeds. Their gestures, facial expressions, and ways of dealing with teachers show how they respect and value them as second parents to their children, as persons in authority, and as heroes.

How dramatic the society has changed!

Today, it is very saddening that the society seems to have forgotten their values towards the educators. Not everyone though, but the evident changes on how people deal with teachers nowadays can be felt by both new and old teachers. Some parents and other stakeholders no longer hold the manner of talking directly to the teacher concerned to address the certain issues, rather, they watch every act and every word of teachers, condemn them every time and report their observations to the higher office without undergoing the SOP. The worst part is when teachers are being dragged by the social media, judged, and dishonored before they are even proven guilty of committing a crime. Teachers now are oftentimes treated as if they are terrorists; ruining the lives of their students of “very good character”, who were raised by their “loving and caring parents”
who happen to have “never ever” said bad words nor done any physical punishment to their children as a form of disciplinary action.

We do not justify any form of abuse and violation done by the teachers even though their only intention is for the welfare of the students. “The end does not justify the mean.” We recognize that such mistakes are happening but the stigma brought about by a few shouldn’t be carried upon the shoulders of everyone in this profession. There are still those who perform their duties and responsibilities beyond the society’s expectation.

Whether it is the media, the society, or the teachers themselves who cause this change on how people regard these professionals nowadays, we should stand proud and lift our own morale. After all, we are not really after the image we portray to the society but the person we live when no one is watching. At the end of the day, your conscience defines you; whether you are a hero or a terrorist.

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