



Significance of Value System in Today's Indian Political Scenario

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Abstract

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Key Words: Politics, Value Education, Society, Civilization, Citizen

The meaning of the word Value

In fact, in a layman's understanding, value is that which is very essential or worth having and observing for the existence of human society as an entity. The Indian Constitution contains all such values, the values that are the universal, human and democratic of the modern age.

Status of Political Scenario



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Since Independence the Political System has been through a major upheaval with divisive politics not surmounting to caste, creed, religion and acquisitive tendencies. A strong ideology based on humanity, beyond all these follies is the need of the hour. But somehow due to lack of awareness in voters to comprehend the psyche of dirty politics, the system has fallen a prey to corruption on a large scale. This is so imperative that not many are left without being involved in scams and moreover sometimes alleged for violation of rules to a greater degree.

It's none other than the people who have empowered them by electing and now as the rightful citizen of the country the onus lies with the voters to demand for transparency as far as the democracy is concerned and preserve their rights to criticize the government in their own way. But the conflict of interests always creates a logjam which is very evident during the recent times. This is sufficient to prove the lack of values and a livid and unacceptable attitude of creating ruckus on frivolous issues with keeping in mind that governance is all regulation and not enjoying the coveted power. The political parties are brought to power for the proper functioning of the country. Once the elected representation are in the government the tendency to impose their own ideologies seems to be a trend and such deleterious impositions can be defeated only through awareness, associations and collaborations. The frequent disruption in the functioning of the parliament taxes the common man with an extra penny from his pocket as tax, leaving the entire economy in crisis. The figures of unemployment, power crises, social inequality, health, education and all other vital issues have taken a back seat.

Values in such a situation direct the politicians to be loyal to their calling and discharge their duties in order to ensure rapid and holistic development of the country. Values should be reflected in a person as politics is a philosophy as old as human civilization.

Why, Who, When, Where, , and How to begin with Inculcating Values

Why

The question is not value based politics, it's about creating a society with values. So that the individual who needs to discharge his duties as a rightful citizen understands his responsibilities and is accountable for his own behaviour. Duties enshrined in our constitution are reminder that these are protection of our rights which facilitate us with better opportunities for social and economic growth fostering in continuous improvement of our environment so that we all live in peace and with dignity.

Who, When, Where, and How

India boasts of having more youngsters among all the nations. So going by the statistical data, it is the Gen next who should be equipped with values in stages during their early years of acquiring knowledge.

Primary Education –

The syllabus should be compiled in a way that the young minds can imbibe all the goodness of governance. Their inclusion in the system for better understanding can bring in a marked difference.

Middle School – Not restricting the syllabus of Civics to just an exam oriented subject, it can be developed into a practical one. Visits to gram panchayats, Zilla Parishad in the vicinity and their constitution can be well explained in the form of a case study.

High School –

With initial exposure to the nuances of the constitution of these governing bodies the students of High School can be further groomed in understanding the rules and regulations of the performance of the elected bodies.

Junior Colleges and Higher Educational Institutions-

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These two education imparting bodies can work as a catalyst in inculcating and observing that values are not infringed upon at any point of time during a student's journey as learner. The students can be put through mock election procedures at all stages in Junior as well as Senior College.

For eg. A newspaper collection of all the articles citing corruption in politics can be asked to analyse. And the reasons behind such attitude in politics can be further put forth in a group discussion. The outcomes can be conveyed and this method percolates with batches of students every year. Thus without taxing them with theoretical exam based subject it can more exciting for the learners to work on. This in turn can motivate the students to actively participate in politics with intrinsically imbibed values.

Discussion

The value based politics in India is quite normative. This money and power oriented system is unable to deal with notions like morality, respect etc. Our political system needs some practical solutions. The solution to the entire root cause is awareness. Most of the Indian population is not aware of the laws and rights and getting this through needs the youth to be made aware. With this it may be assumed that 90% of the problems might be solved. As youth are not interested to enter politics there seems to be a dearth of new ways and approaches towards development. This might be one of the reasons that politics is not really liked by the younger generations of the 21st Century. A healthy society can be formed when people with better understanding and education enter this field.

Positive and Negative Influences of Media In Politics

Media which was once upon ran purely on ethical practices now seems to be a mere puppet in the hands of rich and manipulating politicians. This message percolates through the younger generations which really petrifies them, thus leading to choose careers which fit into their comfort zone and their life style and not politics. Moreover the myths involved around politics and the dangers of opposition with all their coveted agendas are another reason for the youngsters not to choose this path as their career. Had it been that journalism was transparent and more supportive to development and the well-being of the common man, it would have had a constructive influence on the masses. Hence value based politics is need of hour. Because politicians has to play lead role in the way of development of our country. So we have to choose very honest, creative and energetic leaders in the elections, without considering their age.

Conclusion

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Youngsters should be motivated to come in local politics so that the reformation can be done. Media should come forward to bring the real picture of politics and politicians otherwise can't put our country in the list of developed country ever. The leaders in the politics have forgotten the moral values. This is obligatory on their part to let them to recognize the moral values that they had forgotten. First of all, we need such type of politicians who can bring transparency in the system in processes and as well as every welfare projects. The government has to work constantly for the welfare of the masses. And in this process media will play a vital role as they had to show the government doing the work in a right way or the government leaders are indulgent in unfair practices.

To conclude this paper on the observations I have had as a researcher and an educationist. any country when it takes a leap towards becoming a super power . it has to first look into local resources available and tap them to take a stride towards a better place to live in .

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