

The Generation Gap
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The Generation Gap is probably one of the most controversial issues of the day. The dominant questions aroused are: What is it?, Why has it occurred?, and What can be done to close the gap?

The generation gap is one big communication failure. It is plain to see why parents and their teenagers often clash. They don't know each other and worst of all, they don't respect each other. I don't believe, however, that the lack of authority plays a major part in teenage rebellion. Who can set the limits when things are changing as rapidly as they are in this day and age. When you finally determine something as being wrong it is next socially approved. So the limit must be set by the individuals and guidance may help but authority doesn't go.

The constant progress of the world has caused a great deal of this gap. The complications which today's youth must face never before existed. Sure, progress was always present but not at such a rapid speed. The pressures are tremendous and many times care called for. You are practically forced to go to college. If you don't you will be drafted, and also if you don't you are termed a dunce or a failure. The possession of monetary values has been stressed since our birth. Everyone preaches money yet look at the mix-up the world is in. The worst part about it is what we realize our greed, but tell ourselves that is what we must do. In fact, right now I am condemning money and I am just as guilty as the next guy. So you can see what confusion progress has caused. True, the world cannot stand still, but when progress causes one man to fear another, then it is a backward movement: "Another thing which has greatly added to the problem is the use of drugs. I am speaking of hallucinogenics and hard core drugs. This escape has only caused more pain and the young people are finally seeing the destruction these drugs have caused. To escape, you must first be caught. So don't drop out of society. Stay with it and try to figure out an answer towards unity and peace. Shed the idealistic views and base your argument on realism. It's the only way to defeat human nature. At least that part of human nature which causes greed, the catalyst of war.

The gap can be lessened by silent thought and then fluent discussion. Don't ever say things that you don't mean. Also be ready to back up your ideas with sound reasons and elements of reality. Drive yourself out of your fake mind and bring out your inner self. If we can do this we can have real people. With real people we can organize a real worked. Work is needed, faith, trust and desire are vital.

"But most of all, communication is the cure."