

The Impact of Family on Socialization

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Socialization is a massive factor into how individuals partake in society. The factor that impacts socialization drastically is someone's family dynamics. While there are many different factors impacting socialization such as social media and peers, family dynamics will always differ from one another. Every family around the world functions and behaves in different ways. There is no family in the world that is exactly the same as another family. There are many reasons for this, however the most impactful reasons are financial, religion, and cultural differences that make each family around the world differ. From the day someone is born to the day they die; families play a significant factor into the development of their family and this development has an impact on socialization.

Impact of Reading Level and Loneliness

Reading is one of the most basic and necessary tools individuals need to prosper in life. Having a high reading comprehension sets up individuals for obtaining and maintaining many jobs in human society. High paying jobs typically require high reading comprehension since communication between others is needed and jargon is used based on the industry. Not having a high reading comprehension drastically limits individuals in how they can participate in society and what job they can have. A study was performed on seventy-eight Chinese third graders to find out if reading level was influenced at all by different family dynamics. The mean of the ages of the children studied was 8.67 years old. In this study, the researchers found out children who have more secure relationships with their family obtain more confidence to learn and develop their reading comprehension (Yu & Tong, 2021). This study used many different descriptive statistics to compose different models to obtain this conclusion. Families should attempt to create a healthy environment for learning so their families' members can learn to the best of their ability.

The loneliness epidemic is a major alarming trend affecting the world. This trend was severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. COVID-19 drastically increased the amount of people who felt lonely. Many individuals could not see their friends, family, or build new relationships with new people which has had a severe effect on socialization. Some individuals are still living in a bubble due to not developing human skills during critical time periods of development. Missing out on this development has changed many individuals' future as they have been robbed of many opportunities. The loneliness epidemic should be taken very seriously since loneliness has a severe impact on an individual's health. In fact, cardiovascular diseases can increase up to fifty percent due to loneliness (eClinical Medicine, 2023). Cardiovascular diseases are the leading cause of death around the world. The world should attempt to try to limit the loneliness epidemic because not doing so can very easily become fatal. Socialization is affected by loneliness because people who feel lonely cannot integrate well into society compared to people who are not lonely.

Family Conflict Effect on Socialization

Family conflict drastically affects how an individual participates in society. Family conflicts vary, but they all have heavy tolls on their families. A study was conducted to see if anxiety levels were increased when there was family conflict around. This study concluded that there is a correlation between higher anxiety levels in homes that have higher family conflicts (Saleem, Tyrell, Liu, & He, 2023). Anxiety is a determining factor into how someone integrates into society. For example, someone who has more anxiety can feel overwhelmed to the many challenges people face today. The feeling of being overwhelmed can make individuals feel like they are behind and are not participating to the best of their ability in society. However, with anxiety individuals will feel stuck in their day to day lives. To them, they are putting in sufficient

effort to make changes, but family conflicts can get in the way to give individuals proper care and attention. Without this care and attention, individuals can develop a loner mentality, and this mentality makes people believe they are the only ones who care about themselves. Families must make sure that their family conflicts do not get in the way of development of their loved ones to create individuals who will help society instead of wreak havoc on it.

Two Parent Households

Two parent households have become less and less common by the minute. There are many contributing factors to why this is, but two parent households are critical for helping individuals become the best version of themselves. A study was concluded to see if having a two-parent household affected how individuals contain their emotions. In this research, the researchers found out in single parent households children had a more difficult time in containing their emotions compared to a two parent household (Zhu & Dunsmore, 2022). Individuals who do not have a hold on their emotions are very dangerous to society. Everyone around the world have situations in their lives that require emotional responsibility to conquer. A major factor in containing emotions is the gender of parent who is helping. For example, if there is a single female parent, she may not fully understand the situations her son is in and how to resolve his issues. This is because women and men live different lives and deal with different problems. Two parent households are very important because understanding of situations by the parents is more likely to occur than in a single parent household.

Another factor into why single parent households impact socialization is because of finances. In many single parent households, money is being stretched thin to make ends meet. This mentality of barely being able to provide for your child can affect how parents display their emotions and the path their children may take. Their children may not be able to participate in

activities with their friends and peers because they may be needed to financially provide for the household at a younger age. Also in a single parent household, the parent is way more likely to be strict because they do not want their child to live the life they lived. This strictness can lead to a downfall in the development of a child because children grow from making mistakes and finding solutions on how to solve them. Single parent households must attempt to provide their children with ample opportunities to become the best version of themselves so they can be positive forces in society.

Socialization from Immigrants

Immigration, especially in the United States, has a direct impact on socialization. People immigrate in hopes of having a better life than where they were at prior to immigrating. A few reasons people will migrate are for religious freedom or economic prosperity. When immigrants move to a different country, they lose many close relationships with friends and family. Especially in other parts of the world, families could feel betrayed by family members moving to a different country. While many families want the best for their family members, they could feel like the life and culture they provided was not enough. With immigration, individuals may lose some of the cultural traditions and etiquettes they previously had (Paat, Chavira, De La Hoya, Yoshimoto, 2020). However, for those who keep their traditions and etiquettes, they could rub off on the society they are now partaking in. The United States of America is widely known for being a haven for immigrants. Since the United States of America is viewed as a haven people will feel more comfortable in keeping their cultures and etiquettes. An example of keeping cultures would be Chinatowns. There are many Chinatowns in the United States, and they are mostly in areas of high population. Chinatowns have many different elements of what Chinese culture is like. A few things Chinatowns have is food, souvenirs, and landmark replicas that show

their culture. It is important to keep culture that people grow up with to allow society to become a melting pot of different cultures.

Transracial Adoptions

Transracial adoptions directly impact socialization. A transracial adoption is when two parents of a culture or race adopt a child from a different culture or race. These types of adoptions have been frowned upon in society, however they are becoming more welcomed by the years. In transracial adoptions, the person who is adopted may have a feeling of being even more left out compared to an adoption this is not transracial. This feeling of being left out could be contributed to how the family's culture or race differs from the individual that was adopted. In a study concluded, researchers came to the conclusion that parents who do a transracial adoption should attempt to acknowledge someone's culture and racial differences to help the individual who was adopted to feel more comfortable (Pinderhughes, Zhang, Agerbak, 2015). When parents adopt, they must make sure the individual being adopted feels as comfortable as possible. Embracing culture and racial differences is a major step in the right direction for adopting parents. When these differences are embraced, the process of socialization will become easier for the child.

Conclusion

The role that families play in the process of socialization cannot be understated. As a society, people should want other individuals to become the best versions of themselves to be positives influences in society. The best way for individuals to become the best version of themselves is to feel comfortable in their skin. When someone feels comfortable with how they are, then they can feel like they are providing society with a positive role model. Families must

take on the challenge of embracing their loved one's interest and differences to help them become their best version.

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