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I · Introduction

There are always some cases of teenager’s criminality in daily news, like murdering the family members, robbing, taking drugs and so on. Compared with earlier Taiwan society, the percentage of teenager’s criminality is getting higher and higher nowadays. What reasons lead the problems to continue aggravating? I believe that the change of parent-child relationship is a big factor. Since double-income couples become generalized, more and more parents don’t have plenty time to accompany their children and even let their children be indulged. However, some choose grandparenting, but the problem of “generation gaps” between grandparents and grandsons also perplex themselves. I found these problems, so I am very curious and interested about the issue of parent-child relationship. I decide to choose this issue as my article, and then launch to research and discuss. This is my motive.

The parent-child relationship in Taiwan has been changed a lot. Some traditional concepts are gradually neglected. For example, earlier society’s children wouldn’t talk back in defiance to their parents in common, showed filial piety for their parents and brotherly and sisterly love for their brothers and sisters, honored teachers and respected their teachings and so on. It seems as if theses are not so important nowadays. The change deeply affect the rising generation. Therefore, basic home education is very important; it would be deeply influence one person’s behavior and thinking patterns.

I found some related information from books, magazines and the Internet. I hope that I can realize more about the problems of this issue through the researches to find out the problems between parents and children, improve negative factors and maintain positive factors, and let relationship of family and society be more harmonious!

II · Body

We cannot choose our family, but whatever kind of family we were born in, we should learn to get along well with family members, to cultivate mutual trust, to help and love one another. Family is considered by most people to be a refuge for children, for it is a place full of warmth. But apparently, it is not the case for some families. Great changes in society styles and decline of traditional values have brought about many differences in parent-child relationship and home education, or even some serious social problems. Here I will analyze the causes of the problems,
make some examples and propose some ways to improve the situation.

A. The main causes of problems in parent-child relationship and home education.

1. Single parent family—At present, the divorce rate in Taiwan has been high, resulting in many single-parent families, causing children to grow up in dysfunctional families, leaving their personality development and behavior pattern astray, and sometimes bringing in anti-social complex.
   1.1 2009/9/28 Father’s love affair forced Mother to leave home, resentful son stabbed Father while drunk.

Figure1 The latest statistics of divorce rate in Taiwan.

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2. Poor family—Under economic pressure, parents have to work long hours, neglect their children and their feelings.
   2.1 2010/10/9 The father had been unemployed for a long time, fought with his son all the time and got stabbed by his own son.

3. Grandparents—bleeding family—the elderly lack of physical strength, it is difficult to discipline the grandchildren, the generation gap between grandparent and grandchild is obvious, their values differ a lot, it is hard for grandparents to help solve grandchildren’s academic problems, and grandchildren do not fit in the society and have troubles in interpersonal communication.
   3.1 2009/12/3 Tragedy in Kaohsiung. Brought up by his grandmother for a long time, the suspect cruelly killed her.
Figure 2  Learning and parental relationship in children brought up by grandparents.


Figure 3 Children brought up by grandparents and their interpersonal relationship.


4. Rich family—Busy with work and socializing, parents often try to satisfy their children with money and material, have no time to spend with their children, overindulge their children and spoil them.

4.1 1998/10/11 The teenager’s family was rich, he asked his parents for some money but to no avail, discontented with his father’s scorn, stabbed his parents 109 times to death and burnt the house to hide the evidences.

4.2 2009/6 The unfilial son strangled his mother to death and took away his
mother’s credit cards and car to have fun with his girlfriend, not in the least regret.

5. Problem family—Parents are criminal themselves. Their growing children imitate them and cultivate wrong values. In consequence, teenagers’ criminal rate tends to be higher and higher.
5.1 2004/11/29 The unfilial son had no money to buy drugs, asked his father for some money but to no avail, therefore, killed the father in front of the grandson.
5.2 2007 Blaming his father for the criminal record and heavy debts, son killed him with a knife.
5.3 2010/3/23 The sister and brother, discontented with their father’s longtime domestic violence, collaborated to kill him.

![Figure4 Domestic violence.](http://talk.news(pts.org.tw/2009/12/blog-post_03.html)

B. The consequences

1. Crime rate remains high.
2. Gangsters invade the campus, absorb students, and causes trouble.
3. Families are shattered and human lives are damaged.
4. National and social resources are lost.
5. Social climate and public security are ruined.
6. As children lack concern, the development of their personalities is not complete, and they tend to be angry and violent.

C. Methods to improve

1. Parental education should be strengthened and family life should be improved.
2. More proper leisure facilities should be built.
3. More arts exhibition should be held so that children and parents can visit together.
4. Education and propaganda should be strengthened, social climate should be corrected and indecent placed should be banned.
5. Social security should be improved; families with domestic violence and disadvantaged families should be helped.
6. A good learning environment and educational system should be built.
7. A better economy with higher employment rate and lower unemployment rate is necessary.
8. Ethics, good customs and culture should be rebuilt.

III. Conclusion

From the discussion above, I discovered that good parent-child relationship and well-found home education are the cornerstone of social harmony and progress. Children should grow up with adults’ accompany, concern and intimate talks. Money and materials only are far from sufficient. Dorothy Law Nolte, Ph.D., an American home educationist once said, 「Words to parent by children learn what they live, if children live with fear, they learn to be apprehensive. If children live with pity, they learn to feel sorry for themselves. If children live with encouragement, they learn confidence.」(1972 by Dorothy Law Nolte) Home is the first place for children to learn, so parents right life attitude and moral values are crucial in the development of children’s personality. To cultivate children’s character, parents should set a good example themselves and tell them what to do.

However, I think in order to improve parent-child relationship, one should take action first, a positive attitude is also important. Do not expect other family members to change for you, you should ask yourself what shortcomings to overcome. Parent-child communication is also essential; we can find our problems by communication. We can discuss further to find solutions for these problems. Besides, such a model for interaction can improve parent-child efficiently and bring about positive impact!

In the process of data collection and discussion, I find it is not easy to have and keep a good parent-child relationship. In writing this essay I have a deeper understanding for the issues of parent-child relationship and home education. We should pass positive values to out next generation by ways of the basic home education. We keep passing on good values and it will do great good for the improvement of social climate. It takes time and energy to have a good parent-child relationship. We should care our family with patience and affection, we should
communicate more and avoid domestic violence. We should emphasize ethics and family values, and together we build a good parent-child relationship and a great family under the belief of mutual trust, mutual aid and mutual love.

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