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Introduction

The human being has a set of reactions and behavioural habits that have been acquired during life and that give specificity to be single mode. Along with the temperament and skills shape the personality of an individual. The human being is characterized by the development of psychic and social activities in its maximum degree. The intellectual, emotional and conative functions become more intensity, breadth and functionality.

Man is a social being by nature making company always look for, ways to partner with other human beings and ways how to achieve better results in their social relationships. In this paper, the writer will try to shed light on the importance of sociological characteristics and see how changing just one basic sociological characteristic affect his or her whole personality and identity.

Importance of Sociological Characteristics

Sociological characteristics play a pivotal role in making and shaping the personality and identity of a person. Sociological characteristics lead us to develop ever more complex forms of life while accumulating a body of knowledge that have allowed us, little by little, comprising what we call reality (Macionis & John, 2010). The reality includes everything that is in both nature and what is in the minds of human beings. The social adulthood is manifested in three areas: at work, in social participation (civic and political) and legal liability.

The question is how to influence the personality, its formation and development, evaluation of "other" people, society, cultural traditions, ethics actively discussed and debated in humanistic psychology. The personality I possess is due to my sociological characteristics, i.e.

I am a female of UK origin, brought up in a non-religious home where both parents are at home and I am high school graduate.

Our sociological characteristics are important because it helps to shape the intellectual and physical abilities of our personality and help to shape and form our identity (Thompson & Hickey, 2005). Our intellectual and physical abilities are mature enough to persist with independence and ability to intervene in labour, politicians and citizen's problems express their psychological maturity.

Alternative Self

As discussed above, my personality and identity is shaped by the sociological characteristics I possess. If one important sociological characteristic has been changed, it will surely affect my personality and identity development. For example, for the sake of argument, consider that if I was not of British origin, instead if I was a girl of Asian origin then how different was my personality and identity.

The question of identity is probably one of the most difficult questions, the answer to which we have to find lifelong. To feel, its existence as an individual constant, regardless of changes in the situation, the role of self-perception, and the past, present and future are experienced as a whole which means that person feels a connection between their own continuity and recognition of the continuity of other people. Identity is the dynamic formation and changes over the life of the individual. It is true that identity is social in origin, that is, it is formed by the interaction between people. At the macro level, the identity of the individual is woven into the proper "fabric" of culture (Turner & Reynolds, 2001).

The content of ethnic identity is all sorts of ethnic-social representations shared in varying degrees between members of the ethnic group. These representations are formed in the process of intra-socialization and interaction with other nations (Platow et al, 2011). Much of these ideas are the result of awareness of a common history, culture, tradition, place of origin and the state. In the ethno-social representations reflect the views, beliefs, ideas that get expressed in myths, legends, historical narratives, everyday forms of thinking and behaviour. Central among ethno submissions take images of their own and other ethnic groups.

Culture has a direct impact on the formation and change of identity and if I were a female of Asian origin, rather than British origin than this must affect my individual identity. The influence of Eastern culture, language and values would have shaped my personality quite differently. In our culture, there is a "principle of carrot and stick", which is actively used from generation to generation in the education of children: praise, a gift - act as positive reinforcement (stick) on success, and punishment, war, prohibition - as a negative "reinforcement" (whip) on failure. The child gets used to these reactions of adult, they are fixed in his mind, and every once in similar situation and they are waiting for a similar behaviour of the adult.

On the contrary, children of Asian origin are usually brought up in a household where parents and other elders always keep a watchful eye on him or her and expect from him or her to behave in a disciplined manner. In addition to that, usually Asian culture is male dominated culture where males have more independence and privileges than females. Thus, I think, being a girl of Asian origin I must have sacrificed my personal independence at some level which may have affected my personality and maybe I would not possess so much confidence as I possessed being a female of British origin.

Adults (parents, teachers) inspire children with basic cultural traditions, ethics, rules of conduct, and rules for the development of new knowledge and create a framework in which they are supposed to, raised as a person. In this regard, the child (growing, developing person) I have to face different emotional and motivational problems if I belonged to Asian origin.

Conclusion

In the end, it can be said that sociological characteristics like ethnic identity of a person plays an important role in shaping the identity of the individual. For each person, ethnic identity is the awareness of membership of a particular ethnic community. With its help people identify with the ideals and standards of their ethnic group and share other nations on similar and dissimilar to their ethnicity. As a result, identified and recognized the uniqueness and originality of their ethnic group and its culture.

If I possess different ethnic and cultural identity than my personality is, either entirely or very much, different from the personality I possess being a person of British identity. Ethnic identity, thus, is not only an awareness of identity with the ethnic community, but also one of the most important factors of shaping one's identity and personality.

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