

Student Essay

Respect For Cultural Diversity

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Cultural diversity refers to the presence of diverse cultures in a society where people from different community irrespective of caste, creed, language, religion and race live together. The phrase 'Cultural Diversity' refers to having different cultures respect each other's differences. Respecting cultural diversity is to appreciate and value the diverse culture in a society. We should have a proper knowledge and understanding of the cultures which is not ours because it is necessary in order to bring about peace, harmony and love in the society.

Culture is the lens with which we evaluate everything around us. So, if we immerse ourselves in diverse culture, we get opportunities to interact and mingle with people from different background and learn from one another. We can build trust, love, respect and understanding across cultures thereby wiping out all the negative stereotypes and personal biases about different groups.

Studies show that diversity in education, particularly in college campuses improve the intellectual engagement, self-motivation, citizenship and cultural management and academic skills like critical thinking, problem solving and writing for students of all races. Interacting with diverse peers directly benefits students in expanding knowledge about their different worlds, beliefs, practices and more, making them better students, scholars, thinkers and citizens.

Culture shapes our identity and influences our behaviour and cultural diversity makes us accept, integrate and assimilate with other cultures. Cultural diversity has become very important in today's world. Diversity is not only important for adults but children should also be taught to accept and value different cultures by their parent, elders or teachers because today's children will be tomorrow's leaders.

India is a country where people of different cultures prevail and Indian culture is considered as the first and supreme culture of the world. There is a common saying about India that is, "Unity in Diversity". Furthermore, this diversity makes our country most vibrant and a more interesting place to live in as different cultures have contributed distinct flavours like different language skills, celebrate different festivals, have their own traditional attire, follow different food habits, possess different beliefs and faith. On the other hand, there are political parties in India which is becoming a major threat at present in order to create diversity amongst us for the sake of their personal interest but we should not come under their jurisdiction.

We should respect all culture and give our identity as "Indian". Concerned authorities should arrange programme such as National Integration Programme, fancy dress competition, etc so that people find it interesting and at the same time come to know about various culture. Reading simply cannot create such consciousness until it is implemented practically such programme will not only create respect for cultural diversity but will also improve their communication skill, enhance collaboration with different people. Thus bringing out unity through diversity.

Respecting cultural diversity imbues in us a feeling of mutual understanding and respect for someone from a different cultural background. It generates a feeling of brotherhood across diverse cultures.

In today's world, if we all are able to respect and know about other cultures and respect their values and beliefs, life would be easier for most of us and we can learn a lot of good things from each other and enrich our lives. Cultural diversity supports the idea that every person can make a unique and positive contribution to the larger society because of their differences. So, in order to build a healthy and peaceful society, every individual should take initiatives and participate in the establishment of a society, community, country or world on a large scale, where diversity in culture is recognised and respected, various cultural ideas are acknowledged and valued, contributions from all groups are encouraged and differences are celebrated.

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