

Role of Self-Concept in Modern Education

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Abstract

The present paper is about the role of Self-Concept, its definition, psychological aspects of Self-Concept and how this aspects helpful in general to the students in modern education. This paper contains the meaning of self concept and inter relation of self-concept with students which becomes helpful in received the education. Education is the key medium to make human a better civilised and social and how this psychological Self-Concept helps students and makes them alive and built confidence in their education system is the core part of this research paper.

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Introduction:

The term modern is very complex to understand that how we consider such things or event as modern and especially modern education. In general term we can define the term modern means something new and different from the existing tradition. This modernism is associated with the world of machine therefore machine is at the centre and human is the master of this machine world. As per the view of Collins Dictionary Literary terms Modernism means, "Modernism was a response to the shift in thought and belief precipitated by intellectual development and discoveries associated with..."¹ There is no doubt that the present world is completely associated with the modern technology and education is also the part of this modern world. Technique, method, style, perception, teaching values, ethics and many more are changes as per the current scenario.

It is said that this world is divided into to two parts considered as the developing nations and developed nation. This measurement is completely based on the cast, creed, race, colour or may be the economical development. There is one point is necessary to judge the nation on the base of education system and the academic achievement of the students of students with the notion of Self-Concept. In the world the medium of education is considered as the key part to develop the human and nation. Education creates the immense impact on the development of human society and their achievement. For the human education is the process of guiding towards their all-round development in facilitating realization of self capabilities and talent. This education make man enough capable to take the decision and earn the name with special skills which individual developed while learning through education purpose. For the development of social and economical development education also plays its pivotal role for the humans.

Self-Concept and its Role in Modern Education:

Role of Self-Concept is very essential in the modern era for the students because on the one hand the world of technology is considering that it has its merits while one the other hand it has its demerits also. This demerit somehow creates stress in the life of students and the role of Self-Concept is to help them to cure this tension. This tension may social, family, psychological or may others but in education system somehow students have to develop themselves with the psychological aspect called Self-Concept. This Self-Concept is the essential elements in the growth and the development for the human and this Self-Concept is associated with the school or education is concern with peer group, teachers and surrounding atmosphere of the students. This term, Self-Concept is also broadly defined as persons perception and this perception comes from the self experiences, interpretation of one's environment, behaviour, observation of surrounding situation and many more. Many critics defied Self-Concept with different perception. Sood defined Self-Concept,

"It is the sum total of person's perception about his/her physical, social, temperamental and academicals competence. It covers beliefs, convictions and values the persons hold. It also includes attitudes of himself or

herself as a person, his/her worth, his/her right to have his/her own feelings and thoughts and making his/her own decisions.”²Further, Lawrence defines, “Self-Concept is an individual’s awareness of her/his own identity. There are three aspects of this concept: Self-image (of what the person is), ideal self (what the person wants to be) and Self-esteem (what the person feels about the discrepancy between what s/he is and what s/he would like to be)”³

In the education field this term Self-Concept is about student’s awareness for their own identity and self-attentiveness and basic three image of Self-Concept like Self-image, ideal self and Self-esteem is essential in modern education. In the technological world of modern education it is essential for the students to know about themselves that what kind of personality they have. Not only this have had they also had aspiration to create such ideal image for themselves so they have to think what they want to be in future. In addition, this Self-concept is also helpful to know the feelings of others therefore, they built the kind of bridge named human relation to each other.

Self-Concept has active role in education field because education is completely based on the self awareness and in this process Self-concept plays pivotal role. For the students the education system is the mirror of their behaviour and reflection of their deeds therefore Self-concept make them aware with the medium of psychology that how to control and how to transcend the ideas of their own. The discipline of education leads the students to make them aware for their goal and dreams and in that circumstances boost Self-Concept of students creates effective impression on the mind of students and their personalities. There are several studies, which related with the school achievement in to the context of Self-Concept in the study of ‘Reeder’⁴ it is found that the students achieve in education is lower in terms of their potential if they have a low Self-Concept. The same result of related Self-Concept we find in the research work of ‘Coppersmith’⁵.

Self-Concept is not only providing the boost confidence among the students but it also helpful to the cop up surrounding situations. In modern education, no doubt that the system is advanced but to some extent in some part of the school education students are not advanced or modern to adopt the modern education system. Still they rely upon the old tradition of note and textbook. Of course these note and text-book are the pioneer objects or bridge between the teacher and students but at the same time students as well as teacher also make acquaint them self with modern aspects of learning in this machine world. The role of Self-Concept is very essential to make mentally strong and give confidence to the students so they can come out from their traditional views and do adjust with the modern concept of education with modern objects of teaching like, PPT, Computer and many more.

Conclusion:

In conclude it is very essential to know that Self-Concept is very active participant in the modern education because with the concept of Self-concept students can achieve the proper medium of modern education. No doubt that modern education is far advanced in compare of previous education system but simultaneously this modern world creates the nuclear family and due to this system many students have the psychological problem related self identity. Therefore, to come out of this problem in modern education Self-Concept is very important.

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