

REVOLT OF THE NEW GENERATION A RESEARCH STUDY ON CAUSES OF STUDENT UNREST

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INTRODUCTION

Shakespeare, several years ago observed that "youthful rashness skips like a hare over the meshes of good counsel".

Student unrest rather better to say student revolt has so much increased all over the world in general and in Asia in particular that it urgently requires the educationists, Sociologists and moralists to join their hands to analyse the problem thoroughly and find out the positive remedies to the causes of the problem. The situation is serious but not hopeless. These student riots have, no doubt, resulted even in the changes of Governments in some countries. The simple examples may be those of Pakistan and Iran. The result is that the politicians are now using the students as the most effective tool to achieve their political objectives. A general inclination to disregard law is abroad in the student community and they have become law breakers in almost every way one can imagine. Tournaments between police and students have become a part of educational atmosphere. To-day's student is a very different creature from his predecessors and is more open to action and change than his earlier generations. College and University Campus are not at all quiet ivory towers as were in the past. Everywhere students are talking about the society in which they soon will have to play mature roles. They are suffering from an undefined pain. On every campus, in these days, students try to participate in the exciting events of the day. Events in Pakistan and even in the South East Asia are both urgent topics of the students' discussion. Government actions, how so ever good these may be, are unpopular, even resented on our campuses due to one reason or the other. Students are questioning traditional university regulations, courses of instruction and country politics. They seek active participation in the affairs of the country here and now. And now it is probable that high school students, particularly, those near university campuses would begin to emulate their older counterparts, although in a milder form. The subject of ideological conflicts, in an

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