

Times Sure Have Changed



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Some of the sad things that are happening to people today seldom happened to those of previous generations. These are things we must prepare our children for.

We have become less trusting of the government, the FBI, and many other public officials. Parental rights are being questioned and ignored. Some are glad to be rid of the responsibilities, others want it back. Our country seems to be filled with people who protest about problems in their home countries and burn the flag of the country that has given them sanctuary and hopefully a better way of life. Many of the young college students I talked with, believe that if they felt that strongly they should go back to their country and fight for it.

Lately, some have burned cars because of who owns the company. Even though they are providing jobs and the owner does not lose anything, they are all well insured. The common person gets stuck with higher insurance rates.

These are part of some of the changes we must prepare our students for. No matter what you feel personally, our children deserve to be prepared. Abortion may probably be the worst fear. As well 80% of Americans believe in some abortion, they believe it should be limited. If you take a look at any of the polls you would realize most Americans do not believe that 11 year olds should have an abortion without parental knowledge.

Many of the strong advocates believe in abortion up to the time of birth. Having taught family life in both public and Catholic schools, this is a very hard concept for our kids to understand. But kids see this every day with the side with the most money telling the kids the most.

This article is not singling out issues because some feel they are good and others evil. It is to try and help adults become aware of how different life is now for our youngsters. When I was 7 years old, I would take my 2 year old sister to the Peoples Show and everything was fine.

Now you might think the parent allowing this was crazy or at least guilty of child endangerment. Remember at that time there was very little news on TV, 10:00 - 10:15 Now every channel has hours of news. They have to fill it with something. We, knowingly or not, help our kids form the moral basis for the rest of their lives. So when you rant you are affecting that child even if it does feel good.