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Communications

Speech outline

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| Thesis Statement | The struggles of being the first generation American and learning how to live with two very different value cultures. |
| Introduction |  |
| - Attention Grabber | * Child labor laws of America vs. India having no such laws. The entire mentality over there is completely different than here and for me this culture which my parents have and the culture I’m growing up with, clashed constantly. |
| - My Intro | * Dad calling me at home asking to come help him at work while he runs errands. * I would be playing the original PlayStation and some popular video game at the time, probably Final Fantasy. |
| - Main points | * My dad’s mentality on education and success. Dad’s business, which has become his passion. |
|  | * Anything that doesn’t make you money or help you’re education was not worth doing. |
|  | * Outside of school when I wanted to do after school activities unless it was related to education my parents thought it was pointless. |
|  | * It really made me think about the things that were important to me because I had to argue with my parents for it. So it really got me thinking like is this worth it. |
| Main Body | * The side of the world where my parents are from, family means a lot and to be more specific parents are almost respected as gods. * “They know what’s best.” * No one ever mentioned or thought about anything if you were in a different country with many different cultures. * My dad’s mentality was different and very simple. You work hard at something and you will be successful no matter what and while that might be the case in India, this just doesn’t hold up here. * So for me being the first generation going through this had to figure these things out for myself, you know who I want to be, are these the kind of people I should be hanging around with. * When it came to after school activities almost everything was out except for science clubs, model UN. Coming into high school asking Dad if I could take boxing lessons. * His exact words when I asked him for boxing. * So this whole concept of never saying no doesn’t hold up here. You can’t just blindlessly follow what you’re parents tell you because they don’t know what is out there, the world here changes so quickly and generation’s mindsets change rapidly over a short period of time. So here it’s more acceptable for kids to try things out on their own and figure out for themselves if that’s what they want to do. |
| Conclusion | * In the end I think both of these cultures have taught me a great deal, from my parents I learned not to waste time, stop being lazy, set a goal and do what you need to to get there, at the same time don’t be a afraid to try new things and adventure out there and learn what the world has to offer. It is constantly changing and cooking up new things. * How people’s cultures influence their lifestyle and the lifestyle of people around them. And because of it figuring out the best of both worlds in all the different aspects of my life is what I do best now and it is the meshing and clashing of these two very different cultures that has brought me here. |