

Value Education 1 : Group 12

Summary 1

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The overall topic of the discussion was regarding the extent of how mature topics are dealt with in our community, exploring the different topics that might feel uneasy or awkward to discuss in a public setting, but must be dealt with.

The discussion first started out in the realm of women's safety, an issue which was brought to light in the recent RG Kar incident and many other similar ones. The discussion brought out the several methods by which the safety of women is taken for granted and the social ideals that led to inequality in how the different genders are treated in the same situations. The desensitization of unfair treatment towards women was also brought into light.

Then the discussion moved to topic of objectification of women in popular media, most notably cinemas. The common trope of "man chasing woman" was analyzed and criticized from a more rational viewpoint and its influence on the community was discussed. The practice of a man declaring a woman as "his property," as expressed in many orthodox practices and in movies like "*Kabir Singh*" was criticized upon. The normalization of female stereotypes done by media, like the once popular beauty cream "*Fair and Lovely*," was also reviewed.

Next, the deliberation moved to the topic of "Woke Culture" and how the expression of their sexuality by the members of the LGBTQ+ community affects the average person. The effects of the community "labelling" someone as a member of LGBTQ+ was discussed, mainly how it overshadows their other qualities, like for example business success, intelligence, etc. The reason behind this higher than usual expression of their sexuality was also deliberated upon.

Also, the desensitization of violent crimes by social media and by cinema was discussed. People's increasing fascination towards breaking the law and seeing violent actions were talked over. The effect of "crowd mentality" in popularizing the above actions were examined. The reason behind the increasing popularity of dark comedy and the effects it has on the community being talked smack about in those dark jokes were also discussed about.

In conclusion, the discussion dealt with many mature topics that are plaguing today's society and explored the diverse ways in which our thinking must be changed to bring about a more well-mannered and inclusive society.