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THE NATION RISES WITH RESPECT FOR TEACHERS

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THE ESSAY

In my fifth semester of Bachelors, we got a visiting teacher for a subject she had no background knowledge of. For this reason we made several complaints to our Head of department. Although he acknowledged our concerns, we had to adjust with that teacher because the department was short on faculty. During the entire semester, there were a few students who kept on arguing with her, pointing out her mistakes and telling her that she has no knowledge of the subject. They belittled her to the point that one day she bursted out in tears in front of the class and left the classroom. At that point, I wondered where we are heading as a nation? Although I was not the one doing all this and respecting her, despite what she was teaching, because after all she was a teacher. She managed to get us through the semester then vanished into thin air. It was only then that we got to know that she had lost her mother a month before joining us. She was coping with that loss and we, as a class, hurt her even more. How can we rise when there are people disrespecting the elders, and the number of such people is only increasing day - by - day. Gone are the days when the parents used to say that your th teacher is your second parent,

they might scold you but it will be for your own benefit. Pakistan was a better nation when there was respect for others. The rise and fall of a nation depends upon how their respect for their elders, specifically parents and teachers. As they are the two prominent figures that shape a society.

There are different factors contributing to the decline in the respect of teachers in our society. The first is the economic aspect of this issue. Teachers are paid very less compared to the noble task they do. In Australia, teachers are paid handsome amount. They value their teachers and their work. While in Pakistan, the maximum salary of, a private school, teacher is Rs-45,000/- month. and it can be as low as 10,000 per month. The teachers have to pay from their pocket if they commit a mistake. I have witnessed it myself. The coordinator scolded the teacher and asked her to pay for printing a new report card because the teacher signed it with a black pen instead of red. When the students see that their teacher has no value and she is being treated badly, they adopt that behaviour and mindset with their teachers. The young minds start to think that teachers are their slaves because they are living on the money their parents pay.

Second factor is the private schools' environment. The environment of government schools is totally different. The first difference is in their salaries. Also, the government teachers punish the children, while private school teachers are not allowed to punish them. A child ^{can} not know right from wrong as long as they are not given punishment. Hitting or scolding are not the only punishments. Making a child correct their mistake, write their missing work themselves, write something for ten or five times is also a punishment. Our teachers used to make us write things for hundred times. While, when I was teaching in a private school, I had to write their classwork and homework if they got absent. The children in private schools are not given responsibility of ^{correcting} their own mistakes and doing their own tasks. All the burden is on the teacher. They are the very children that disrespect their teachers after growing up. Because from young age they see that the teacher cannot do anything to them and are a kind of servant to them. In the developed nations, teachers give detention to the students when they do something wrong. There has to be some kind of fear in children. In Japan and China, students even clean the grounds and toilets. This gives them a sense of independence, maturity,

fear and, most of all, respect for the ones doing it.

When we compare the past with the present situation of our society, we get to see a great change. The students are becoming more frank with their teachers. Which is leading them to treat their teachers as their friends. Now, the students talk to their teachers in the same tone as they would talk to a friend, forgetting the value and respect they teachers deserve. In the past, one could not imagine talking to their teachers in such a tone and language. Neither could one imagine having whatsapp groups and teachers' personal contact numbers. This is not only lessening teachers' respect but also exposing them to blackmailing, cyber crime by their numbers getting leaked. We have to understand a teachers' role and value in our society.

In a nutshell, teachers make up a nation and a nation can rise by respecting the teachers. For that, we first have to understand their value. Teachers' respect is not only due on the students but also on their colleagues, parents, everyone in the society.

"Give your teachers the respect they deserve, because they are the ones who can help you get where you need to go."

- Richard Howard