Can you Win Arguments with Your Parents with Facts?

Parents often find it difficult to communicate with their children, especially during the adolescence period when the raging hormones turn almost every person into somewhat of a rebel. However, the situation is tricky equally from both sides, and teenagers have to face the brunt of lack of understanding between them and their parents as well. The problem lies in the fact that no one is quite sure regarding root cause of this troubling issue, and this leads to farther alienation between parents and their teenage children. However, you can averse this situation with a little bit of effort on both you and your parents' part.

Most teenagers believe that it is next to impossible to win arguments with their parents, because of the lack of understanding about the change of cultural milieu between different generations. They believe that their parents argue with them based on nostalgia and emotions, rather than hard facts that are irrefutable but not quite overwhelming as raw emotion. Thus, you may feel less inclined to have arguments with your parents based solely upon facts and nothing else, because of the belief that with any such approach it is going to land you in an unenviable situation. However, such a notion is as far from the truth as possible, and it is possible to have reasoned arguments with your parents, and even convince them if you have solid reasons backing your argument.

The most important criterion for having a reasoned argument is to ensure that both parties are willing to hear each other out, and give value to reasons that have facts and logic to back them. Even if you consider it highly unlikely to be the case, while you are having an argument with your parents regarding anything from wearing your favorite clothes to college to life in general, it is generally the truth.

Your parents have nothing but the best of thoughts for you, and they are certainly not your nemesis when it comes to living your life on your own terms. However, the concern that they feel towards you and your wellbeing may often seem to be unduly protective and restrictive on their part. This however is not necessarily a reason why you must hold a grudge towards your parents. Instead, you can help them understand your own point of view in a calm and reasoned manner without having to hurt their feelings, and dismissing any or all of their thoughts without judging them first on their merit.

The best thing to do in case you are having serious difference of opinion with your parents is to have calm chat with them, while you present all the fact in your favor to bolster your argument. Even if you consider the facts and logic presented by you to be infallible, be prepared to have your parents show serious doubts about the sanguinity of

your claims. This might be because of a difference of perspective, and not necessarily because your parents do not trust your judgment or the validity of your argument.

The most efficient way to win arguments with your parents with facts is by convincing them that the decision you have taken or about to take is to the best of your interests. Since the only concern your parents have is regarding your wellbeing, any argument that focuses on this aspect is likely to enjoy the most amicable countenance from your parents. Therefore, if you have facts to back your argument, and prove that you are quite aware of the implications of your actions, there is no reason to believe that you cannot win arguments with your parents based solely upon facts.

Questions

1. During which period do parents face most difficulty in communicating and connecting emotionally with their children?
    a) Infancy
    b) Adolescence
    c) Adulthood
2. What reasons do teenagers give to justify their belief regarding the inability of their parents to understand the logic behind their arguments?
    a) Generational gap regarding changing social milieu
    b) Intentional misunderstanding
    c) Both
3. What is reality regarding having arguments with parents?
    a) That they are not ready to pay attention to any reasoning
    b) That they are ready to concede to well reasoned arguments
    c) That they lack the ability appreciate reasoned arguments
4. What is/are the most important criteria for having a reasoned argument?
    a) Willingness to listen to other end of the argument
    b) Attach value to well reasoned arguments

c) Both

5. Why do parents tend to become overprotective of their children?

    a) Out of concern for their wellbeing

    b) To humiliate them in front of their friends

    c) To ensure that they lack the skills to survive on their own

6. What might be the reason/s behind parents shooting down arguments that seems infallible to their children?

    a) Because parents do not trust their children's judgment

    b) Because parents might possess a different perspective than their children

    c) Both

7. What method does the author suggest to teenagers to win arguments with their parents?

    a) By making them understand about the positive impact of the decisions made by their children

    b) By deceiving them with false promises

    c) By keeping them in the dark and not share anything of importance