

society are a sign that values are eroding. In Kenya everyone agrees that values have and are eroding. There is evidence of erosion of values in every aspect of our society. Different scenes like political, social, educational, religious, and economic scenes indicate that values have eroded or are eroding. There is injustice, abuse of human rights, misuse of power, and plunder. Because of erosion of values the majority of people in Kenya are living below the poverty line and struggling to survive.

Factors contributing to Erosion of values

(i) Poverty

Lack of food or money to buy food makes people to engage in immorality to earn money to buy food.

(ii) Drug abuse

When young people engage in drugs they get involved in other immoral practices like prostitution.

(iii) Bad Politics

Politicians have provided bad examples to children like fighting in public.

(iv) Tribalism

In Kenya there is a lot of tribalism. This is about people favouring people from their clans.

(v) Westernisation

This is about imitating the west for example way of dressing.

(vi) Parents are too busy

Parents go out in the morning and back in the evening or at night tired. They do not have time to inculcate values in their children.

(vii) Teachers lack motivation

Teachers are poorly paid and so they do not have the morale of inculcating values in children.

(viii) Exams oriented education.

Our system of education is not value oriented, instead it is examinations oriented. This makes students to engage in exams irregularities

(ix) Permissiveness in schools

There is a lot of freedom in schools and our society. Learners are free to do what they want to do.

Methods of inculcating values

There are different methods of inculcating or teaching values to children. Some the methods are:

(i) By example

Parents and teachers should be children's models to imitate. The best method of teaching children values is by example. Children learn from what we do. This means that parents will have to be careful on how they react in front of children. Children will be affected by the behaviour of their parents because they are their role models. This means that parents should control their emotions when before children. Parents and teachers should be aware of the examples they are setting because children learn by example. Parents should also back up what they say with what they do.