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Reflection of the Journey of Self Identity in Family, School and Society

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ABSTRACT: Owing to social and technological changes, we are witnessing the beginnings of a global, hyper-competitive 'new identity' reorganizing self and identity relationships within and between the societies. This article argues that the themes and images of the our identity are part of a much larger 'thematic convergence' in which quite disparate things—like hereditary, environment, social minds media, ecosystems and organizations—are being talked about in new and similar ways. This article presents the interview of people from different socio economic background. During interview 4 people have participated two teacher, two engineer. I asked to them six question mostly related to their experience of identities in school, college, workplace and in society. We started with understanding how do we think identity of ourselves. And how this change with context of time. Towards the end we tried to explore how identity of a person affect their survival in the society. Present investigation aims to study self-identity, value preferences, and level of aspiration and personality characteristics among professional person. Two teacher Raja Mandal and Samrin Kausar belongs to different state and one is male from state Bihar, India and other is female from state Maharashtra, India. Their responses are very different in the interview, Two Engineer Ehsan Ahmad from Bihar and Zubair he belongs state Madhya Pradesh. Their responses are also different Zubair is also content writer and he had read some paper based on identity author GEE¹ Paul. So he give me idea of institutional and discourse, identities in their interview.

KEYWORDS: Self-identity, Value, Personality, Institutional & Discourse identities

I. INTRODUCTION

If we see around us, we will find that each and every student is born with a unique personality. A great deal is learned through circumstances and other people. Each student has his/her own individual traits and personalities. Some students have different cultural backgrounds, come from different socio economic status, families and have different personalities. There is growing evidence that students who become actively involved in the life of their school and society show very little disaffection and instead experience significant benefits. In India during school time students are known by his good marks grades, teachers or other children likes them in school because he is good in study or academic. When they grows up slowly, his identity also changes. Parents hope that you are, to be known by my name, if you do something good then that time I will be known by your name, then we work hard and struggle with the hope to change our own identity. Although identity development is most often associated with adolescence, each developmental stage offers opportunity for re-evaluation and modification. The people ultimately become unique, by different Identities like Self, Religious Social, and Gender Identity.

Identity as being shaped by an individual's social and cultural worlds. Each with its own particular ways of talking, thinking, dressing, and behaving. One adolescent may have multiple identities, actually some identities have found in our life and it may changes with context of time. What we are primarily because of our "Natures" Like male or female. That is natural Identities (N-Identities), what we are primarily because of the positions we occupy in society that is institutional identity (I-identities). What we are primarily because of our individual accomplishments as they are inter-actionably recognized by others that is Discourse (D-identity). What we are because of the experiences we have had within certain sorts of "affinity groups" That is Affinity Identities (A-identities). Multiple types of identities people have throughout their lifetimes that are foregrounded depending on differing social environments and continually



changing as a social process: "The self is not a static entity, but a dynamic social process, that shapes and is shaped by the social encounter, a transformative process of being. It maintains that individuals have different identities related not only to the kind of person they are but also in what ways that society sees them. In other words, identity is seen as "doing" rather than "being" School education should teach this content in classroom that would be useful.

II. FOCUS DISCUSSION (INTERVIEW)

INTERVIEW 1

Ehsan Ahmad (Executive Engineer Work in Mechanical Industry)

1 What do you think about your Self-identity?

My identity is my Name, The tree is identified with fruits, if there are sweet fruits, and people will like it, in the same way that a person is also identified by their goodness and sweetness in the society when we born then our identity are our parents. But when we go to school then in primary school we have no identity, in middle school our identity is related with our friends and when we go to high school then our identity is emphasized and we think who am I? What is my status in society and after that we are struggling to make identity in college good marks, grades. But in job our identity is an employee to give best outcome but hierarchy in workplace provide the person identity, I think our identity start when we lead the things as a leader when we manage a group of people then that time our identity explore and that time our identity is myself not related with our parents, so time to time we are shifting to make our self-identity.

2 What changes after time to time for your survival and balance identity?

We have changed our identity sometime for our survival that identity is true or not, that cannot be define, when we needed to change our identity then we do it according to situation, like in school when I am not doing good in math subject then our complain goes to parents and after scolding we are trying to do better in math, and start a competition with other students to become apple of the eye of the teacher, and we think our potential what I will do, then we think we give my best for self-growth, organisation growth, and job growth some time we hide our actual identity and show off our identity for appreciation of job and in family and society. We think what is my worth and we do accordingly like don't sit with uneducated person low class, but I think this is not fair for humanity if we give some knowledge to him then that time our identity explore and meaning of life completed if all the person support to each other. Name with fame is good choice but use it in good manner, those people are doing social work but they show off with selfie and advertise and explore own identity I think that of work is meaningless. During lockdown many person have come to help the needy person but some of them have show-off with selfie/video on social sites.

3 When your identity affect? During School to Job Journey.

In school time we have identity of student and in classroom if we achieve good score in all the subjects then other students teacher recognise me and appreciate me, and my name is known by all the students in the school, but real identity start when we go to college and maintain academic skills and aim of career then that time due to this identity we are facing some challenges and sometimes frustration about our career. But during job our identity is to do work for the betterment of company and as an engineer sometime we negotiate our identity. But in company if we achieve managerial post after 5-10 years then our identity will give me fame and name.

4 How does clothing/fashion affect our identity?

Many famous personality like Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Lal Bahadur Shastri, Mahatama Gandhi life principle are “Sada Jeevan Uchh Vichar”. They had wear a simple Kurta Payzama, Dhoti, but they are famous worldwide with their high scholar work their identity is no barrier for their cloth and fashion. But this contemporary world above fact is not true and clothing fashion affect our identity. Like in old days only graduate person wear tie with formal shirt or advocate wear black tie and our outlook define our identity but Nowadays our outlook don't define us because we go and attend any party function then we wear a good dress formal coat pants tie, so it's very common outlook but sometimes in case of famous personality, fashion is another things like celebrity outlook and their lifestyle and fashion clothing is very trending and all the people follow so why I am saying that outlook defines identity Nowadays women wear a cloth that is for men due to fashion sometime we have confusion to identify the common gender.

5 What is the role of other identities like Social, Cultural, Religious, Gender, Ethnic identities?

Gender identity is natural identity but transgender identity is different in nowadays. Cultural identity is main tool of human development and it describes our identity of past generation, many poet, singer, painter, dancer have famous due to their cultural folks and songs. Social identity nowadays is political will a person want to famous in society for political benefit. Religious is hot potato in our India and this is biggest issue for political party because through religious identity they face discrimination in all over the world.

6 What would you suggest men and women? Identity In the Indian context

Men and women identity is fixed from a century because India is patriarchal society or male dominant society. If women have good idea and suggestion but unfortunately male have not followed and given her to secondary position in the society.

INTERVIEW 2

Raja Mandal (Government School Teacher, UPSC Aspirant)

1. What do you think about your self-identity?

When a child born then their identity started as an infants. As teacher I want to become icon of the other, my lifestyle does not affect badly to others don't do illegal work, immoral work that also affect to our students, this is my responsibility to take care of all these things.

2. What changes after time to time for your survival and balance identity?

Person motivated to ourselves means self-motivation is important for balance our identity. I want to explore and follow the person who are success but don't always compare with I always think my self - talent is very different to others and that is my strength.

3. When your identity affect? During School to Job Journey.

During school time I am student to learn from the teacher parents, our identity as a school student depends on our marks/grade because teacher parents society all person see my identity as a good and intelligent person. But when we got a job then we realize marks is nothing for me our knowledge matters. Many students got a first rank but that is not meaningful after sometime, and also person always not secure their rank in all time so that is temporary. So first ranker not always on the first rank in all the field. As a teacher I feel that when we

gives a suggestion to students don't take academic pressure and stress for your marks, but at this time I have realized that statement is easy to expressed by the teacher but when I was a student's then teacher said to me same statement and henceforth I was on stress and feel like academic pressure.

4 How does clothing/fashion affect our identity?

Our outlook define many thing and as myself when I wear a good formal wear shoes then I feel self-motivated, And person attention draws by the clothing and dressing. As compared to chappal (slippers) wear person feel inferior with respect to others.

5 What is the role of other identities like Social, Cultural, Religious, Gender, Ethnic identities?

Social identities cultural identities important in our life like urban and rural population have different identities this is fixed type of identities but that is negotiable in some time like if we go from rural to city and other countries then we have not much focussed on this type of identity we only busy in earning and expect for a high status in the society. Some time it is harmful for our culture preservation and social but gender identities also changed by gender transfer because of vast medicaltechnology which gives possibility to change your identities easily.

6 What would you suggest about men and womenIdentityin the Indian context?

Our India is patriarchal society from ancient time, women is bounded and they faced so many discrimination from ancient time but this scenario have changed in some western countries but not at all countries. But in this 21st century our women are facing so many pressure and fight for their equality after independence this is also ongoing that is worsen situation for ourselves.

INTERVIEW 3

Samrin Kausar (Science Teacher in Government School)

1 What do you think about your self-identity?

I belongs a village where my schooling to graduate education completed. I am the first girl child from my family to have higher education equally to my brothers, my father faced several discrimination over it in family and society too. In school I always secure second and teacher appreciates my performance for them I am studious girl and active participant of cultural fest organized in the school. Upto grade 10 my medium of instruction was Urdu then I changed the medium to pursue science stream as people in village have secondary vision for Marathi/Urdu medium learners but after the change people in my surrounding called me the sister of Dr Rahil or daughter of Mr.Rauf not by my name. In this time period my identity is under the control of my teachers, brothers etc. But in college diverse changes happened in me i developed some leadership qualities other than studies and ranks. This quality really played a role of golden card and helped me to crack the interviews confidently and to present myself in a better way. Later on I started working as a teacher from 2010 .in this last decade my identity as a teacher is continues but with 180 degree rotation as in my working city people knows me by my profession.

2 What changes after time to time for your survival and balanceidentity?

My stream of education was changed and here I am in the race against time to improve myself I started to work more on my written and communication skills particularly in English subject. I was in tough pressure as from same school my elder brothers secure the merit rankings so the people around me have a different kind of identity for me as well as teachers too. But what is the ground reality only up to me.so identity in our life

changes time to time or we may say that it would turned into conditional sometimes not only for yourself but also for the happiness of people around you. I personally believe in influential force to change my identity or to reform a new one which was imparted strongly by my biology teacher Mr .Suresh Attre to improve myself as better as I can.

3 When your identity affect? During School to Job Journey?

Our identity changes time to time according to our role paly opportunity or what you wants to achieve in future .In school I like my identity in the vision of teacher as good students and in my job tenure I am working hard to become the renowned teacher tribal department organization ,exploring my skills ,learning new skills .but in schooling time I am the single daughter of three brothers most of my hobbies were similar to them aims to become an identity like adocotr is too, but due to change circumstances, I moved to the B.Sc M.Sc, B.Ed education later on I realized that one teacher can change the life of thousands of students aslike doctor can save the life of thousands patient's.I feel very lucky person the world to have best father who treated me equal in gender identity as male and female, every aspects of life and given me freedom to achieve the best, then I am thankful to my teachers who support me to make my identity clear up to grade 10th.

4 How does clothing/fashion affect our identity?

As in teaching profession society or the village people always have affixed image of teacher in sari, but in metros when I was working with senior college there is no bar to the dress code or fashion. Some of parents even if a teacher in normal Punjabi dress doesn't pay attention towards the teacher but if teacher is in sari then even they hesitate to communicate more speaks politely . I too feel confident in formal wears rather than casuals.

5 What is the role of other identities like Social, Cultural, Religious, Gender, Ethnic identities?

Everybody Knows that their own cultural identity develops from birth and is shape by the values and attitudes prevalent at home and the surrounding, noting that the cultural identity, in its essence, relates to our need to belong .Cultural identity is important for people's sense of self and how they relate to others. They may also identify with more than one culture. The desired outcomes recognise it is important for people to feel a sense of national identity and also to be able to belong to particular social or ethnic groups.

6. What would you suggest about men and women Identity? In the Indian context.

By the birth gender or nature given identity defines the men and women but if we are speaking about the Indian context the gender biased is very common trends from centuries. If we are speaking about the cooking in a kitchen the child or any other person have the first thought that the women is working in the kitchen this is not the old scenario but presently ongoing as I am working with children of grade 6-12 from 18 march 2019 of scheduled tribes so having such answer from them. On paper Indian constitution have given all the rights but in society yet not to be implemented. Some people even asked that you are from well-educated family and working here in forest area for tribal student how? Is your family is not having any question? You will laugh who is asking the question none other than my colloquies.So if the educated peoples having such a question in their minds and they are working as a teacher then what would expect that the gender equality will be implemented in India ?While working with tribal.



INTERVIEW 4

Zubair Siddiqui (Engineer, Content Writer)

1. What do you think about your Self-identity?

I think identity is something which a person develops with his/her behaviour, attitude and ways of dealing with a problem. I strongly believe in developing an identity with these factors. I strongly disagree with inherited identities which many individuals boast with their family background, caste, community, religion, etc. Personally, I feel people recognizes me with my behaviour, attitude and my dialogue with them, But I cannot deny the fact that a few of the people in the society also recognizes me with my father's identity i.e. his father is such a noble person therefore he should also be a noble one. However, these people are the ones who have dealt with my father for a long time. But the majority of the people recognize me with my discourse or dialogue with them. Generally, I see my identity as D-Identity but sometimes I see it as an I-Identity.

2. What changes after time to time for your survival and balance identity?

I have seen myself as 2 entirely different identities at a particular time. About 10 years back I have completed my engineering and I also have a MNC job in my hand but due to some circumstances I didn't join and start searching for a job in my hometown. In the same time I also joined an organisation with community service. So here I can see myself as 2 different persons. While doing community service I am an active type of person and can talk to anyone and anywhere but when I go for interviews for any job I find myself a bit of a passive person and hesitate to speak openly. This might be due to some pressure or stress to find a good job or may be due to low morale which developed after I have not joined a MNC job due to family circumstances. It is not about a balance of identity but I feel the things necessary for my survival has made me to develop my identity. The circumstances and condition have changed my identity a lot. I used to be a calm and silent person but with time I have developed my D-Identity.

3. When your identity affect? During school to job Journey?

During school, I was very silent and passive type of student whose main task is to study. I feel that I was mainly controlled by my elder siblings who forces me to focus on studies and stop all other activities like playing, going out with friends, etc. So I develop an identity where I am dependent on others to make my personal decisions. When I joined college, my siblings have moved to other cities for jobs. At this moment my identity has changed a lot. I feel more independent and now can make my own decisions. This has also improved my grades and I also did well in many other social activities. As mentioned earlier, when I passed out from college and searching for a job lot more happened in my life and I have also learnt a lot. This is the moment when I started to become more active in dialogues and discussions with people both online and offline.

4. How does clothing/fashion affect our identity?

Personally, I feel that clothing or fashion has nothing to do with our identity. But, you can feel the difference in the behaviour of the society depending on your dressing style. However, a tidiness and decent dressing sense is important.

5. What is the role of other identities like social, cultural, religious gender?

A person can have multiple identities in this regard. With religious people a person behaves more religious, with their friends and relative his behaviour seems to be more informal, etc.



6. What you suggest men and women Identities in Indian context?

Men are always expected to be dominant one in the society and women are always expected to follow the guidelines of men in a family. This long culture of dominance and development in liberal policies, women are now fighting for their rights and liberty. This also led to the rise of some feminist movements. These movements seem to be good on one hand but on other hand we can also see that in order to uplift one group we generally suppress the other. It's true that women were suppressed for long time in India for their rights and freedom and it is the time to uplift them and promote them to the same status as men but it should not be on the expense of demoralizing men.

III. CONCLUSION

When I asked the question what is your self-identity then interviewee answer are different because of their social environment but one things have found common parents is the identity of individual, unless until we do something different in the society and acquire a leadership post. Self-identity is something which a person develops with his/her behaviour, attitude and ways of dealing with a problem. Self-identity becomes a serious issue at the secondary level. At the primary level children are children, they play and fight together and are unaware of their identity. But at the secondary level adolescents' students becomes much aware of their identity. Adolescents at this level tend to have higher self-esteem and to be less deceptive and more direct in their social interactions. One interviewee disagree with inherited identities which many individuals boast with their family background, caste, community, religion, etc.

Identity in our life changes with context of time or we may say that it would turned into conditional sometimes not only for yourself but also for the happiness of people around you like family society. Sometime teacher changes our identity, sometime we hide our actual identity and show off/boasting our identity for appreciation for job, family, society. Sometime our identity are controlled by siblings/parents/teacher/higher authorities.

Some interviewee says outlook define many thing and as myself when I wear a good formal wear shoes then I feel self-motivated, and person attention draws by the clothing and dressing. One interviewee says clothing or fashion has nothing to do with our identity. But, you can feel the difference in the behaviour of the society depending on your dressing style. I think people always have affixed image of teacher/professor/corporate/singer/scientist/doctor/advocate outlook and dressing style that also make affinity group or (A identities).

When we asked about Gender, Cultural, Social, Religious identity then we get responses like, Gender identity is natural identity but transgender identity is different in nowadays. Cultural identity is main tool of human development and it describes our identity of past generation, many poet, singer, painter, dancer have famous due to their cultural folks, arts and songs. Cultural identity develops from birth and is shape by the values and attitudes prevalent at home and the surrounding, noting that the cultural identity, in its essence, relates to our need to belong Social identity is nowadays is political will a person want to famous in society for political benefit. When we asked the question about men and women identity in india then responses are very common like Men and women identity is fixed from a century India is patriarchal society or male dominant society. But due to this long culture of dominance and development in liberal policies, women are now fighting for their rights and liberty and I and D identities. This also led to the rise of some feminist movements or women empowerment. In this context, I have analysed the meaning to the self of such concepts as trust, fate, risk, and security, which develop our identity.

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