

Crazy Canadian Teenagers

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I am an international student and have been in Canada for about two years. During this time one aspect of Canadian culture that has caught my special attention is Canadian teenagers. I was not only surprised but also shocked to see their living style, behavior, attitude, and manners. They are rebellious and rude. The reasons for this situation are the Canadian society's cultural customs and beliefs, the relationship between parents and their children, and above all, the excessive freedom.

The first reason is the Canadian cultural customs and beliefs that help the Canadian teenagers to grow up with unacceptable manners. Canadian society is a free society where every normal individual possesses freedom. So when Canadian boys or girls become teenagers, they want to become independent and try to separate from their parents. In this case, their parents have no right to disagree with them because of the rules of the Canadian society. The teenagers are willing to prove their individuality and originality after separating from their parents. As a result, they try to explore their creativity through experiments which may not be wholesome. This is why sometimes they are rude and wicked in appearance. Moreover, if a child commits a mistake at school or home, the adult cannot punish or even scold him/her. The rule of the Canadian society does not allow such punishment. If a teacher or an adult goes against this rule, he or she will be punished instead. Hence, Canadian teenagers can be totally out of control and free of fear, which encourages them to become rebellious and notorious.

The second reason is the relationship between Canadian parents and their children. Many Canadians are single parents. So their children may not know who their biological father or mother is. As a result, the real father-mother relationship does not exist in the family. The teenagers begin to treat their parents like a friend. Therefore, they do not know how to behave toward or respect their parents from their childhood. Moreover, in Canada usually both father and mother work away from home. So they do not have enough time to take care of their children or inquire what they are doing. This lack of parents' control gives the teenagers a chance to do what they wish. The attitude or behavior of parents towards their child also encourages the child to grow up with negative values. Young children follow their parents. If their parents' manners are not good, we cannot expect their children to be different.

The third reason is excessive freedom. Free sex and easy access to adult materials provide them a good opportunity to become bad. In Canada getting drugs is easy. Drug addiction sometimes makes them crazy. Teenage is the age when many of them do not know the difference between good and evil. Friends' influence plays an important role in every teenager's life. Often bad friends influence them negatively.

In conclusion, the parents should change their attitude toward and strict with their children. The parents should be concerned about their teenagers' activities. They should not provide their children extra money that may be used for undesirable bad purposes. In a word, the parents should not allow them to do whatever they wish. However, it is very difficult for the parents to change their attitude or behavior because it is a problem of the Canadian society and culture. If someday this society's values and rules change, all teenagers will change their manners, behavior, and living style automatically.