



Die Wertebefatte

The Value Debate

Posted by Ania, Ela LO Bierun, Jun 09,2004,19:46

Something more then tolerance

We have read an article in polish newspaper "Sunday Guest" (of 16th Nov 2003) about tolerance. It was actually an interview with a father confessor Leon Knabit. He was talking about the religious side of tolerance. People should be tolerant in positive cases but they can't let the sin happen. They shouldn't be neutral when they know or see that something bad is happening. Everybody shell think about others among them because of tolerance , eg. alcoholics. Their illness does not refer to them only but to their family and friends. They don't accept the alcoholics addict. We have a law to resolute objection in case if someone is violating our freedom. While they demand the tolerance for them, they don't return the same.

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Posted by Hanna LO Bieruń, Jun 12,2004,16:08

For the sake of tolerance!

In October students of Ga³czyński High School in Otwock removed anti-Semitism writings in the city. In Otwock "Meeting with Jewish Culture" have been organized. Students have thought up that idea themselves and they got thanks for that from Israel.

This is the beginning of tolerance. Open racism and xenophobic outlooks spread anxiety. The word "tolerance" has become very popular but sometimes it is being used in the wrong meaning. In spite of this fact our world is full of racial, religious, national and customary prejudices.

In the time of united but also multinational Europe tolerance has special and particular meaning. In the proper interpretation tolerance will not be a threat to national identity. It is universal value and every generation realizes it in a different way.

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Posted by Faustyna , Jun 17,2004,18:39

Live and let live!

Poland is a very interesting country with many traditions and rich cultural background but people make it really special. There are well-known for being generous. In Poland like in other countries all round the world, people are different. Some of them pretend to be selfish, dishonest and intolerant. We can divide Polish people into good, average and bad. I can support my opinion, because I have read an article about it lately.

It was about a woman-Asmik who comes from Armenia and who came to Poland to help her brother with the bussiness. He has been selling clothes for a couple of years. She stayed here longer than she supposed to, so she lost her passport. Asmik didn't have money for the new one and has lived illegally in Poland. She met a man and fell in love with him. Asmik got pregnat soon and she gave birth to her daughter-Marysia. One of Armenian's neighbour didn't like it. He said that Asmik wasn't looking after her child well. He also considered that woman to be a member of mafia, but she has rather a good opinion and was popular with others. People said that she was honest and good. She wasn't disturbing anyone and people respected her except that one neighbour. His grandchildren were laughing at the small Armenian girl. They were also beating her but their grandfather did nothing. He encouraged them to do it. John Nowak-an intolerant neighbour said to the police that Asmik and her daughter didn't have passports and that they were living in our country illegally. Henryk who loved Asmik and whose daughter Marysia was, decided to give them his name. The President of Poland-Aleksander Kwaeniewski gave them Polish citizenship. Since then they have been rightful Poles. Asmik borrowed money from friendly neighbours and was happy to be here in Poland, she also said that Poland was her home. She forgot about a quarrel with her neighbour soon, because everyone makes mistakes. Poland isn't the only country where there are intolerant people.

I am glad that everything ended well. I think that this unfriendly neighbour learned something about tolerance. I am ashamed of this man, but maybe he will change himself. In my opinion people behave like that, because they are afraid of people from different countries, their culture and religious. People shouldn't forget that everyone is a human created thanks to God.

Posted by Thomas , Jul 09,2004,12:04

Intercultural education

I looked at your website. Your work what you do seems to be very well, good for the intercultural consciences and values. I hope that you will be successful with your project! Related link: <http://www.tema-schoolprojects.com>

Posted by Mitrakos kostas , Mar 28,2005,13:59

Are common values needed in Europe?

Hi I am from Greece and I go to Ellinogermaniki Agogi which is a German private school. So I would like to express my opinion about the question if there are common values needed in Europe. In my view there are common values in the European Union. Firstly every nation should have respect for the other countries because through this way we could improve our relationship with the other countries. Furthermore I think that everybody should have tolerance of different religion mentalities culture and system. As for customs we should accept and encourage the other culture and customs otherwise the world is going to be a boring place. What is your opinion about this?

Posted by Marta LO Bieruń/PL , Nov 20,2005,14:32

Die einzig wahrhaftige Religion

Vor kurzem habe ich einen Artikel über Muslime in Deutschland gelesen. Es ging im Artikel um Muslime in Deutschland, deren Anzahl ständig wächst. Die Anzahl dieser Deutscher steigt, jedoch zwei Drittel der Konvertiten sind Frauen, die nur diese neue Religion annehmen um einen Muslimen zu heiraten. Andere Gründe für Konvertiten sind :

- ein ungeordnetes, bisweilen gescheitertes Leben mit Hilfe strenger Regeln neu ordnen
- " Erfahrungen persönlicher Entwertung " in Beziehungen und in der Sexualität hinter sich lassen
- aus der eigenen Gesellschaft in eine andere Welt zu flüchten

Durch die Änderung ihres Wesens kehren viele Deutsch-Muslime den Nichtmuslimen Rücken. Der Freundschaftskreis wurde kleiner, es besteht nur noch aus Muslimen. Viele der Konvertiten haben auch Bücher über ihr " Vorher " und " Nachher " geschrieben.

Ich finde Konvertiten ein bisschen fraghaft, weil wieso muss man die Religion ändern um die oben genannten Probleme zu lösen ?

Doch am meisten Merkwürdig erscheint mir, dass der muslimische Glaube so streng ist. Eines der Zehn Gebote lautet doch : man darf nicht töten. Nicht alle Muslime fanden das in Ordnung. Am schlimmsten finde ich jedoch, dass sich Muslime nur mit "ihres Gleichen " abgeben, wieso sind sie mit Nichtmuslimen befreundet ? Sollte man nicht alle gleich behandeln und zu nichts zwingen ? Aber dies ist nur meine Meinung eines Christen, also ist meine Meinung nicht ganz objektiv ?

Posted by anna iordanidou-maria gkioni , Dec 06,2005,13:19

religion in Greece

It's true that nowadays teenagers are less interested in religious matters than in previous times. This situation is not caused due to lack of faith but because of the church. The Orthodox Church tends to be too traditional for us to handle and therefore it's not at all appealing. How is it in your country? Do you face similar problems? As you can see in the video of Cyprus, where the situation is the same, religious values are overexposed, as if we advertise a product. We believe that it is a wrong way to show our faith, which is something personal expressed uniquely by each of us.....what's your opinion? Ask us ANYTHING you wish.....!!!!!!!xxxxxx

Antworten Replies to this message**Posted by MARIA AND MIGUEL , Jan 14,2006,13:00**

Hello we are Maria and Miguel from Spain, we think that religion are less interesting for teenagers in our country, because it is too traditional and ban many things like therapeutical cloning and gay married, that are values that are becoming important for all the young people. We think too that religion are unfavorable for the women because it ban that women can be priest. Despite of we believe in God and we have religious matters once a week in our high school.

We have catholic religion and we don't know anything about your orthodox religion, can you explain how is it? And how are your religious matters??

Posted by David / Pedro 1ºD , Jan 16,2006,19:2

Hello, we are from Spain and we go to the institute "Castillo de la Yedra" which is a Spanish public school. So we would like to express own opinion about the question of the religion in Spain.

In Spain exist more religions owing a the immigrants, although it doesn't take as much as the Catholic. In the actuality the teenagers aren't as interested in the religion so in other matters in their lives. That has been changing regarding a years before in the live of the Spanish when the religion was more important in their lives.

That like to say, that every time Spain approaches towards a country secular, since every time the Spain's people are more cultured that in era previous and we don't let to deceive as easily for words handler a her intention, for Pope, bishops, cardinals and priests. That since the beginning they has been being deceive us for four ideas and they obliged to believe in they.

Posted by anastasia+xristina , Dec 06,2005,13:19religion in greece

Nowadays in Greece religion plays a really important role in our life. In our country people are orthodox and have a very strong belief in Jesus, that's why most of us go usually in church.

Concerning the students, they are taught religion twice a week. Through this lesson students learn a lot about faith and how difficult to strongly believe on something is. Despite of that there are also some students who don't believe...

Antworten Replies to this message**Posted by Amalia and Marisa , Jan 13,2006,18:54**

Hi! We are two girls from Spain. Our names are Amalia and Marisa and we are sixteen years old. We go to "Castillo de la Yedra" which is a public school.

In our country the most of people practice the Christian Religion but there is other people who don't believe in Jesus. Some students haven't clear their beliefs but the most of them say that don't believe...

The traditions of the Christian Church are go to the Church every Sunday because the Sunday was the day of Jesus; the 25 of December Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus at Christmas and in "Semana Santa" they commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus and this is the time when the religion says that can't eat meat but this only carry out by the people who have a very strong believe in Jesus.

How is the orthodox religion?

You celebrate the Christmas?

When you go to the Church? Is there a priest?

We hope your answer!!!

Posted by vero + rakel , Jan 14,2006,17:35

hi! we are Veronica and Raquel. we lived in cazorla ,we have sixteen years old .In my town become many religious celebrations of "señor del consuelo" "virgen de la cabeza"and "san isicio" much people are many forms to live the religion many people is catolica ,people who do not go to the church and another one if .we thought that it is not necessary to demonstrate our beliefs young we do not give importance him to the religion is very important the friendship, solidarity and the comradeship.

As you live your religion in your city?
that celebrations it has in your city?

see you soon, thanks

Posted by Mariann+ Stephania , Dec 06,2005,13:20

values concerning the subject of religion in our school

hello.. we are 2 students from the private school ellinogermaniki agogi.We would like to express our opinion about the violence here in Greece!

First of all, we would like to mention that the violence in my country is very expanded and especially women are the most exposed victims.Threat are the toxicated and the drunk, who do not know what they are doing!!!

Violence caused from the education in which the society is not as interested as it supposed to be.! Teenagers should be careful and responsible for their own physical and psychological integri

Posted by eliza +elli , Dec 06,2005,13:22

values concerning the subject of religion in our school

hello,wqare two students and we go to elliogermaniki agwgi,a private school in Greece!so we have decided to write this letter to express our opinion about the whole situation that dominates in greece and the problems that are on increase in our country!the subject of religion

at school tries to raise our conciousness that appear in the societies of today's world.

One of the main problems that our society has to deal with is poverty that emerges in the most vulnerable classes of it.we believe that it's crucial to take measures in order to wipe out all the discriminations of the society.it's important all the members of the society to be equal and to feel acceptable by the others.the rich people should make contributions and help the poor ones!

Another problem that we come up against is generally violence.there are 2different kinds of violence,the first one is the domestic violence that has many victims especially women.The second kind of violence is attacks in the streets.The government should inform people on how to protect themselves and visit self defence courses,so that they assure that they remain safe.

we would like to hear from you soon and be further informed about the situation in your country and learn about the similarities and differences between us!!

yours faithfully

eliza,elli

Posted by Gema and Cristina , Jan 13,2006,15:58

Religion in Spain

In Spain people are catholic. Most of adults are believers, however majority of young people don't believe in god or Jesus...Nowadays, in our country, religion isn't too much important in our life.

In our high school, the students are taught religion twice a week in secondary, and once a week in Bachillerato. We learn about others religions...

We thought that religion is very personal and the faith is in believers's heart.

How is your church?

Do you believe in God?

Can you tell us about your religion?

Cristina and Gema

Antwort Relpy : [Religion in Spain](#) --- Gema and Cristina

Posted by elli+eliza , Mar 14,2006,13:19

hey we read your letter and we are writing in response to it.we are eliza and elli and we found your letter quite interesting.we want now to explain you the main idea of orthodox,and answer to your questions.

to begin with,our church is decorated with pictures of saints.the majority of greeks are orthodox and pray to god.this religion is spread all over the country as it has become a lifestyle.most of greeks adhere to the rules of orthodox,including going to church every sunday and drinking the aunt society!!

personally we both believe in god as a lot of children of our age do.in school we have a lesson 2hours a week and we learn a multitude of illuminating things about religion.

we would like you to inform us about the general situation that dominates in your country concerning religion and the way it's taught at your schools!thanx

Posted by Alberto y Jose Carlos , Jan 13,2006,17:47

Religion in Spain

In our country the religion isn't very respect by the teenagers, although the majority of they are Catholic. In Spain there are other religions and the spanish respect their customs and their cultures.

Every Sunday the Catholic spanish celebrate mass, at the wich go in her majority older people and youngs childrens, but very few teenagers. In our institute the religion is a option subject, the majority of the teenagers study it, because it hasn't very effort. In the subject execute several journeys for visit religious buildings.

In short, the majority of the spanish people are Catholic, although the teenagers don't show their interest for this.

Posted by sandra and pedro: Jan 13,2006,17:49

The religion in spain is for some people something very special and they have a lot of faith but other people like maybe there pass that they are not believing or they are not generally it. In our center the religion is not so demanding, possibly in your school it is more it. In other places of this same capital the religion in the centers is more demanding. In my town the Catholic church is traditional and attractive for people of advanced age. Can you tell us the difference that between the Christian and the orthodox ones?

Posted by Mariangeles y Ruben, Jan 13,2006,19:09

We are from Spain and we want that you know like the topic of the religion is taken here. The first thing that we can say is that mainly for young people is not as important as in previous times. We disagree with of traditions of the religions and we beleve that they should be more modern. We also believe that religion has been very intolerant some aspects in last times and that today in day it should fight less with the science because to know things and to progress is good for all. About the video of Cyprus we also believe that they try to sell a product but we all have to respect it because it is their personality.

SPAIN WILL WIN THE WORLD CUP OF GERMANY OF FOOTBALL

Antwort Reply to this message

Posted by WEGE1, Jan 30,2006.23:52

an Mariangeles und Ruben aus Spanien

Hallo wir sind die WGE1 aus Freiburg

Wir haben euren Beitrag gelesen und sind der Meinung, dass Spanien mit 100-prozentiger Sicherheit nicht Weltmeister wird.

Eure Einstellung bzw. Meinung über die Religion können wir größtenteils teilen, denn wir finden auch, dass die jungen Leute heutzutage nicht mehr so religiös orientiert sind als früher. Das liegt vielleicht daran, dass die katholische Kirche zu intolerant ist und modernisiert werden sollte.

Eines der schönsten Objekte in der spanischen Religion ist unserer Meinung nach die Kathedrale „Sagrada Familia“ in Barcelona. Wir waren sehr von ihr beeindruckt, als wir sie im vergangenen Jahr besucht haben.

Wir danken Euch für euren Beitrag und hoffen Ihr freut Euch auch auf die Fußball-WM in Deutschland wie wir.

Viel Grüße aus Freiburg

Eure WEG1

To Mariangeles and Ruben from Spain

Hello we are the WGE1 from Freiburg

We read your letter and we think Spain will certainly not win the Football World Cup 2006.

We quite agree with your opinion about religion. We also think that nowadays young people have no religious orientation whatsoever. That´s because Catholicism is so intolerant and needs to be reformed.

One of the most precious things Spanish Catholicism has ever created is “Sagrada Familia”cathedral in Barcelona. We visited it last year and it was very impressing.

We thank you for your letter and hope you are also looking forward to the Football World Cup 2006 in Germany as we do.

Your WGE1

Posted by Beatriz and Martin, Jan 15,2006,03:57

Hello! We are students of first of high school, in Cazorla, a small town of Jaén.

In answer to your questions:

In our institute most of the people have Catholic religion, although there are also several boys that are Muslim.

In our town, there are several pilgrimages to those that people have a lot of faith, the same as our sacred week, in which the thrones stroll with saints images by the streets (that it´s a very ancient traditions .

Before, the people were the most practising but now days, although we are Catholic, most of the people go to the church neither we pray.

We hope we have helped you to know but our religion in Cazorla, of which it is not necessary a lot to speak.

Posted by Antonio y José Carlos, Jan 15,2006,16:46

In our country, religion is important, we are catholic, less strict than orthodox religion.

In Spain, there is one religion, the catholic religion, but also there are some other minority religions as Moslem, and orthodox religion. We think that religion is an important part of the culture. In Spain, the catholic religion isn´t so persuasive than other religions. For example, in Spain the homosexual marriages are legal, for government but the catholic church see this fact badly.

First opinion is José Carlos´s opinion and thesecond one is Antonio´s opinion.

How is the orthodox church? It is different from catholic religion?

Posted by chema y Raquel, Jan 15,2006,19:46

in my opinion I think that the religion in Spain isn't important, only for the people old is important, the people young aren't interesting for the religion. I think that is very bad because have faith and believe in a god is important sometimes in our lives. I am a person believed and I think that my religion is the best and the most tolerance.

today people have most mental freedom than in the past because in the past for example the Spanish Inquisition presented those he didn't believe in God those who, for example went into the country to search for something a herbal more to prepare a herbal tea. if someone saw him, this could be that this somebody was a wizard and he was condemned to death, by the Inquisition.

Antwort Reply : [Re: religion in Spain](#) --- FAIDRA +ANASTASIA

Posted by FAIDRA +ANASTASIA , Mar 14,2006,12:58

It is our belief that religion plays a significant role in human's behaviour. going to church and taking part in religious ceremonies is a factor that influences in a high grade the personality. However, it is a sad fact that teenagers seem to be indifferent to religious matters and thus they don't go to church or are not involved in other activities, which have to do with religion

Posted by César and Sergio , Jan 15,2006,20:33

Religion in Spain

In the times that you run the religion in Spain it is important, although before it was it but, since they were other times and people had other thoughts.

In general, Spanish people are Catholic, overall the grown-ups and they believe in Jesus. On Sundays the Catholics go to the church to celebrate a mass. At the schools the religion subject is not obligatory, but most of the students choose it to know Jesus' history better. The students have one hour from this subject to week.

In definitive, the religion in Spain continues having importance, although it is lost a little with the step of the time.

What's your opinion?

Antwort Reply to this message

Posted by Eusebio Javier Barrero Astasio , Jan 16,2006,19:29

Pody es una persona que le gusta las pelis de acción sobre todo de Jackie Chan, Bruce Lee y Jet Li, es un flipao que lo único que sabe hacer es jugar al pro evolution, hace poco gano un torneo de pro. Ni se lo cree, etaba cagao perdio, lo más raro es que pody tiene un gran espíritu pero muy poco cuerpo.

Posted by Javier Rodríguez Adán , Jan 15,2006,20:35

Religion in Spain

In the last times the religion in Spain has passed of being completely Catholic to have great diversity of religions. This on one hand is good since different cultures appear, but this is borne to that he/she largely gets lost in the Catholic faith until the point that before the Catholic religion was the signature but important and, now even they want to make him to disappear.

Peoples, before was devote and they went but to mass. At the present time very few peoples go to mass, although they continue believing but in way less interiority, overall the young peoples to which you ask their and they says that if they believes although they don't demonstrate it as much as biggest peoples. what do you say your?

Posted by jaime and victor , Jan 15,2006,21:41

Religion in Spain

Nowadays, in Spain the religion has every time less followers and popularity, and in my opinion it is going to continue equal.

In the secondary schools the religion is optional and very few people does it. the majority of persons that follow it are majors persons.

The form of practice the religion is going to the church the sundays and his name is "mass"

What do you think about that?

How do you practice it in your country?

Posted by Borja F. And Carlos C. , Jan 15,2006,21:50

Religion in Spain

Hello! We'd talk about religion in Spain. Catholic religion is here roman epoch and it was very important in society, but now Spain is a lay country.

Nowadays there isn't as faith than formerly, above all with the young people. Teenagers don't practice the religion, they don't go to churches and they don't respect the commandments. Soon, in schools, religion subjects won't mark, but now this mature is optional. About religious celebrations, people tend to forget these, for example: in Semana Santa people travel for vacation, and in Christmas people use these weeks for leisure time.

In conclusion religion is less and less important and someone persons don't believe in spiritual things, they are atheistics and agnostics.

Posted by Blanca and Esther , Jan 15,2006,23:16

Religion in Spain

In our country,because of the hungry,wars and epidemics wich were suffered in the past,the people thought that the religion was the only exit.They believed a lot in God.

The people of these decades,who are still alive,continues believing like in those periods.On the contrary,the nowadays teenagers don't believe in anything.Perhaps it is because the young people haven't passed these bad periods and we don't need the Faith.

In Spain are also present other religions,for example the Islamism,because of the inmigration and Spain's history.This religion is stricter than the Catholicism,which is the most extended in our area.

In our opinion the Catholicism sometimes should be more considered about some topics,for example we think that they should allow the use of the condom to prevent illnesses like the AIDS.

Posted by Jose antonio and Laura , Jan 15,2006,23:47

Religion in Spain

In general, peoples in spain are Catholic. Every Sunday we go to the church, but, lately, the young people aren't interested by the religion and they don't go to the church. On the other hand, the adults give a lot of importance to the religion, but it isn't important for our lives.

In our high school, the religion is an optional subjet, and it isn't given a lot of importance to that note.

FERNANDO ALONSO WORLD CHAMPIONS!!!!

Posted by M^aNieves y Carmen , Jan 16,2006,02:26

Values

Hi! our name`re M^a Nieves and Carmen. We're a student from Cazorla.

We are agree with you. In our opinion, in this moment, there aren't common values, maybe the coin. In the one hand, in the UE is necessary the respect from a countries to other countries. We think that the most important values's the communication, without it, the UE never be able to have a common values. Apart from that, the tolerance is very important too. Besides if all people learnt to respect and tolerate other cultures, idea, religions.... All could be better, to put an example: each one can dress, think, give one's opinion according to what is decided by each one but always repecting the other opinions. What do you think? In your country the people are very religious?? In Spain, it isn't the most important.

Antwort Reply : [Values](#) --- M^aNieves y Carmen

Posted by stephania-marianna , Mar 15,2006,15:12

Hey!!..our names are marianna+stephania and we are from a private school in Athens.We agree with your opinion which u express at your mail.we think that there are not common values and, sure, in the UEis necessary the respect from a country to another. What do u think about tolerance??As well as, the religion in our country we think that people are very religious and keep the traditional costumes. What about that in Spain?? Here in Greece the majority of people are in the same religion, orthodox and I could say with very strong belief, so we all share the same opinions and traditions

**Reply to Ma Nieves y Carmen....

Posted by Abraham. G y Pablo. F , Jan 16,2006,16:14Values in Europe

Hi,thanks for your letter. We are from Cazorla a little village of Spain. We agree with you about it there are common values needed in Europe.

In my opinion,firstly it's important to have values in our own country and then have them in the European Union.

We think the most important value is respect. Every nation should have respect for things like religion, culture, customs... All things are important for a good relationship with all countries.

In addition, we can learn a lot from the other type of lives. So it is necessary not to lose these values and teach them to other future people

Posted by Raul et Luija (baya follon) , Jan 16,2006,18:50La Religion

From my point of view, the religion is a phenomenon that has been present in all the evolution world-wide. The resorted man to superior personages and it has blamed them of those phenomena that he did not obtain to understand. According to this theory, and because nowadays many of these phenomena exist, the religion continues being present in our daily lives, getting to recognize itself in some cases as a type of culture. To I cannot affirm or to deny the existence of the superior personages, I do not find an explanation clear: I believe that somebody will have created us but I do not see forceful tests of it. For this, I do not enter and I do not leave in this subject, and single I make case to my belief interrogatory on that subject. For education we must respect to primum. That must respect we have left to clear last point...

Posted by Fº Borja and Domingo J. , Jan 16,2006,20:14The values in Europe

We think that the values that the Europeans must share, are that need them for make a big project of living together between the distinct countries that form the Union European. These values will be the most important for that the Union European has a big future, and that are considered indispensable for this project are the tolerance, the amity, the effort and the courage, for will carry every well and so to be plus happy yet.

Also, like rebound the value that must detach for no alone carry forward a Europe common if not a world of peace, where all the humans have the same rights.

Posted by WGE1 Janine, Jan 30,2006,23:41Werte in Deutschland

zunächst einmal wollen wir sagen, dass wir eure Beiträge sehr interessant finden. Wir haben allerdings festgestellt, dass gerade Religion ein Wert mit hohem Stellenwert in anderen europäischen Ländern ist. Bei uns in Deutschland sind Religion und Glaube eher für ältere Leute wichtig. Sie legen großen Wert darauf, regelmäßig in die Kirche zu gehen, während dies für uns junge Leute ziemlich unwichtig und auch langweilig ist.

Werte, die für uns wichtig sind, sind beispielsweise Freunde, Familie, Pünktlichkeit, Erfolg und Selbstverwirklichung im Sinne vom Erreichen persönlicher Ziele. Welche Werte sind bei euch von Bedeutung?

Wir würden uns sehr freuen, wenn ihr euch auf unseren Beitrag melden würdet.

Grüße aus Deutschland

Values in Germany

First of all we want to say that your comments are very interesting. But we have noticed that especially religion is a value which enjoys a high priority in other European countries. Here in Germany religion and faith are mainly important for older people. They attach importance in going to church regularly, whereas for us young people this is quite unimportant and also boring.

Values which are important for us are e.g. friends, family, punctuality, success and personality. For us this means that everybody develops his or her potentials and talents. Which values are important for you?

We would be pleased if you answered us.

Best wishes from Germany

Antwort Reply : [Werte in Deutschland - Values in Germany](#) --- WGE1 Janine

Posted by FAIDRA +ANASTASIA , Mar 14,2006,13:09

To my mind, family and friendship are those who help you find out the real world and support you in every choice you make. Moreover, honesty and dignity are values which help humans develop their personality and ideals. Another significant value is teamwork which helps people to communicate with other people so that they would be easily adopted to our society!!!! What is your opinion about this?

Antwort Reply : [Werte in Deutschland - Values in Germany](#) --- WGE1 Janine

Posted by Tom , May 02,2006,22:14

Values:

First we have to find out what values are. Values are statements in the society you live in, which tells you, how you have to live or ought to live. They tell you, what will be important in your later life and even determine how you act and feel.

If you now keep saying, no I am a free individual and I act and feel like I want to. That's not the whole truth, because you have to conform to the law - this is one very important value. The value is called safety. You see, you are forced to live after some values. But most of them are you following without noticing them. Would you give all or even the half of your money to the poor? No, because capitalism is a very common value - a status symbol. You see? Values are very important and powerful.

If you look around you will notice, that the values aren't quite the same everywhere, but they are more similar in countries which are on the same stage of development. But in the end they are the same, if you comply with all the values there are given to you in your country, you will be a perfect society member - a member of the high-society.

After having read the book "The graduate", which deals much with American values, I wrote this and decided to look on the differences between the German values and the American. In spite of, that the two countries have some kind of same stage of development, are the values different and I decided to find the 3 values I think are most important for them:

America: Because American inhabitants are mixed people from nearly all countries, the values are a bit mixed too. The most important value is, maybe because of the differences between the Americans, freedom. You may freely decide your religion, political orientation and you may even wear gun and use it to save your feeling of freedom. The other one is equality. It's easy to see why, if you ever have seen some Americans. There aren't only black and white people, but also European, Asian and so on. It's clear, that they want to be equal. Security is the last one of the 3 big American values. Since the 11. September it has got more important. It's hard to find a country, which uses so many resources on the security.

Germany: I will start with the biggest difference between German and American values. For Germans peace is very important, don't get this one wrong, Americans aren't against peace, but in contrary to the Americans are the Germans strong against war and the use of weapons. The other value is called individuality. This includes, that's not even allowed to be different, but it is wanted to be different and to show it. The last big value is progress, not only in the technical way. Germany uses more energy on research and advancement than most other countries.

You see the values are very different. If they really are as simple as I wrote can be discussed, but we all know, that they still are there. Values are, if we like it or not, very essential in our lives.

Posted by WGE1 Marcel, Jan 30,2006,23:47

Religion in Deutschland

Früher war die Religion ein wichtiger Bestandteil in unserer Gesellschaft. Es war üblich regelmäßig in die Kirche zu gehen um zu beten. Entsprechend wurden die Kinder zum Glaube erzogen. Die Kirche spielte vor allem durch den Krieg eine wichtige Rolle, weil die Menschen auf einen Halt der ihnen lediglich die Kirche bieten konnte angewiesen waren. Heute hat sich der Standpunkt der Gesellschaft zur Kirche sehr verändert. Die Jugendlichen gehen nur noch selten zur Kirche. Nur an Festtagen wie Weihnachten oder Ostern etc. Viele Jugendliche kritisieren die konservative Sicht der Kirche.

Carina, Miriam, Marcel, Daniel
Religion in Germany

In former times religion played an important role in our society .It was common for people to attend prayers regularly. Children were brought up in faith. Religion was of crucial importance after the war, because then people needed spiritual help to find for themselves again the meaning of life. Nowadays, the opinion of society about religion has changed. Teenagers only sometimes go to church, and then only when they have to – like at Christmas or Easter. Most teenagers criticise the conservative views of church officials.

Carina, Miriam, Marcel, Daniel

Posted by WGE1 Lisa, Jan 31,2006,00:05

Hallo,

nachdem wir eure Meinungen zum Thema Religion durchgelesen haben, möchten wir auch etwas zu diesem Thema interessanten Thema beitragen.

Obwohl Europa eine Einheit ist, sind die Ansichten in Bezug auf Religion von Land zu Land sehr verschieden.

Dies mussten wir auch feststellen, als wir die Kommentare zu unserem ComCult- Video durchlasen. In Deutschland ist es heutzutage ein Trend, Rosenkränze als Schmuck zu tragen, was eine Mitschülerin im Video auch tat. Dies jedoch wurde von den Polen als große Schande angesehen.

An diesem Beispiel kann man gut erkennen, dass jedes Land andere Ansichten hat, was Religion betrifft.

Eine Umfrage in unserer Klasse ergab, dass keiner freiwillig in die Kirche geht, es sei denn, es gibt einen Anlass z.b. Hochzeit, Taufe,usw.

Religion spielt keine Rolle mehr im Alltag der meisten Jugendlichen. In den Schulen wird Religion unterrichtet, jedoch kann man dieses Unterrichtsfach auch abwählen und alternativ dazu Ethik als Fach belegen.

Viele Grüße aus Deutschland
Lisa, Verena, Nadine und Katja Hi

After we have read your statements about religion we want to write something about religion in Germany. Europe forms a unity but what people think about religion differs greatly from country to country.

This is what we realized when we read the Polish comments on our Comcult video. In Germany nowadays it´s trendy to wear rosary beads as a piece of jewellery but the students in Poland think it´s disgusting. This example shows us how different every country feels about religion.

A survey in our class showed the following results: nobody goes to church voluntarily except on special occasions such as marriage or baptism. Religion is no longer of any importance in the lives of young people. Students attend religious education twice a week but this subject isn´t important for them.

Greetings from Germany

Verena, Nadine, Katja, Lisa

WE WILL WIN THE THE FOOTBALL WORLD CUP 2006 !!!

Posted by WGE1 Elena, Jan31,2006,00:10

Werte in der Schule und Familie

Unserer Meinung nach können verschiedene Werte unterschiedlich übermittelt werden. Werte können von Schülern, Lehrern und Eltern überbracht werden. Lehrer überbringen zum Beispiel die Werte Pünktlichkeit, Ordnung und Disziplin, durch Nachsitzen, wenn man zu spät kommt, oder schlechte Noten bei Unordnung und wenn man nicht lernt. Schüler überbringen sich gegenseitig Werte wie zum Beispiel Gemeinschaft und Gruppenarbeit. Auch Eltern legen bei der Erziehung viel Wert auf bestimmte Werte wie zum Beispiel Respekt, Ordentlichkeit, Selbstbewusstsein durch Lob und Tadel und ein gutes Miteinander.

Elena Kulartne, Lena Laubis, Lena Wendlandt, Simon Wunsch

In our opinion different values can be conveyed in different ways. Values can be passed on by students, teachers, friends and parents. Teachers for example communicate values like discipline, punctuality and order by making you stay in after school when you are too late, or you get a bad mark if you don't study hard enough or when you're messy. Certain values like community or teamwork are passed on among students. Parents also attach a certain significance to values in their methods of education. For example through motivation and disapproval they want their children to show respect and self-confidence, they want them to have a sense of order and to know how to share.

What values do you have and how are they passed on at school and in your family?

Elena Kulartne, Lena Laubis, Lena Wendlandt, Simon Wunsch

Posted by WGE1 Michael, Jan31,2006,00:15

Hallo wir hoffen, dass ihr alle wisst, dass dieses Jahr in Deutschland die Fußball WM stattfindet. Freut ihr euch schon darauf? Bei uns findet jetzt schon viel Medientumult statt. Bekommt ihr davon auch etwas mit? Zu eurer Aussage das Spanien Weltmeister wird von Mariangeles und Ruben vom 13. Januar 2006, können wir leider nicht ganz übereinstimmen. Wir glauben zwar, dass Spanien eine gute Mannschaft ist, aber es gibt auch viele andere sehr starke Mannschaften. Wie zum Beispiel: DEUTSCHLAND, ENGLAND, BRASILIEN, PORTUGAL..... . Deshalb sollte man noch keine Vorurteile ziehen. Wir freuen uns auf eine emotionale und großartige WM und wir hoffen, dass alles mit fairen Mittel abläuft!!

Viele liebe Grüße aus Deutschland,
Michael, Elisa, Vinzent, Steffen

Hello, we hope that you all know, that there's the football world cup in Germany this year. In Germany there is a lot of excitement in the press. Did you catch any of it? About your message, from Mariangeles and Ruben from 13th January 2006 that Spain will win the world cup, we have to say, that Spain is a good team but there are some better teams, too. Germany, England, Brazil, Portugal for exemple.....because of that, no one should create any prejudices. We look forward to an emotinal und great world cup. And we hope, that it will course, in a fair way!!

Greetings from Germany,
Michael, Elisa, Vinzent. Steffen

Posted by Thomas, Jan31,2006,00:20

Verschiedene Nationalitäten - verschiedene Wertvorstellungen? Wir sind 4 Schüler, im Alter von 17 bis 19 Jahren, der Max- Weber- Schule aus Deutschland und haben alle unterschiedliche Nationalitäten: deutsch, türkisch, albanisch und russisch.

Heißt es aber auch, dass wir unterschiedliche Wertvorstellungen haben? Nein. Toleranz z.B. bedeutet für uns sowohl im eigenen als auch in einem fremden Land akzeptiert und menschlich behandelt zu werden. Es ist also sehr wichtig, dass

man als Gastgeber eines Landes die Menschen aus verschiedenen Ländern aufnimmt und deren Kulturen und Sitten akzeptiert. Gleichzeitig aber müssen diese sich auch an die Regeln und die Gewohnheiten des Gastlandes anpassen.

Ein weiterer Wert, der für uns alle sehr wichtig erscheint, ist Freundschaft. Egal ob in Deutschland oder in Russland, überall braucht man gute Freunde und einen starken Zusammenhalt, auch zwischen unterschiedlichen Nationen. Dadurch kann Europa mehr zusammenwachsen.

Was haltet ihr davon?

Wir freuen uns auf Eure Antworten.

Viele Grüße WGE1

Different nationalities - different expectations concerning values?

We are 4 students from Germany and we are between 17 and 19 years old. We attend the Max-Weber-school which is a state school. We all have different nationalities: German, Turkish, Albanian and Russian. But do we also have different expectations about values just because of that? No. Tolerance for example means for us being accepted as an individual and being treated in a human way. Not only in the own country but also in a foreign country. It is also very important that you - as a host - welcome people from other countries and accept their culture and their customs. At the same time they have to get on with the rules of the host country and accept their standards. They must pay an effort to integrate and get used to local habits. Another value which is important for us is friendship. No matter whether in Germany or in Russia, everywhere you depend on good friends and strong emotional bonds - also between different nationalities. Thus Europe has the chance to transform itself into a strong unity. What do you think of our opinion? We're waiting for your answers.

WGE1

Anwort Reply : [Verschiedene Nationen- verschiedene Werte? Different nations - different values?](#) --- WGE1 Thomas

Posted by FAIDRA +ANASTASIA , Mar 14,2006,13:20

Meiner Meinung nach ist es gut und nett, wenn man Freundlichen aus andere Laendern schliest. Die Kommunikation zwischen Menshen,die aus versiedene Nationen sind,ist sehr gut und fordert die Globalisation ok?

Posted by WGE1 Lilia, Jan31,2006,00:26

Religion und Werte in Deutschland

Hallo wir sind die Schüler der Max-Weber-Schule aus Freiburg. Wir haben eure Texte gelesen und möchten dazu einen Kommentar abgeben. In Deutschland werden viele verschiedene Religionen akzeptiert. Es gibt zwei Hauptreligionen: Katholisch und Evangelisch, trotzdem kann man wenn man nicht Religion als Schulfach haben will, Ethik wählen. Hauptsächlich gehen in Deutschland nur alte Leute in die Kirche. Wir haben noch weitere Werte, wie Toleranz und Respekt. Deshalb akzeptieren wir Schwule und Ausländer mit deren Religion.

Welche Werte habt Ihr auch noch?

Wir würden uns über eine Antwort von Euch freuen!

Eure Klasse WGE1 aus Deutschland

Religion and Values in Germany

Hello we are students from the class WGE1 of Max-Weber-School in Freiburg. We have read your texts and now we want to comment on your statements. Many different religions are accepted in Germany. There are two main Christian religions: Catholicism and Protestantism. If you don't want to take part in religious education as a subject in school you can choose ethics.

In Germany mainly old people go to church regularly.

The younger generation has still further values in common like tolerance and respect. That's why we accept homosexuals and foreigners even when they have a different religious background.

Besides religious values, what other values do you have?

It would be nice if you gave us a feedback .

Yours

WGE1

Posted by stephania-marianna , Mar 14,2006,12:59

Hey!!..our names are marianna+stephania and we are from a private school in Athens.We agree with your opinion which u express at your mail.we think that there are not common values and, sure, in the UEis necessary the respect from a country to another. What do u think about tolerance??As well as, the religion in our country we think that people are very religious and keep the traditional costumes. What about that in Spain?? Here in Greece the majority of people are in the same religion, orthodox and I could say with very strong belief, so we all share the same opinions and traditions

**Reply to Ma Nieves y Carmen....

Posted by stephania-marianna , Mar 14,2006,13:18

Hallo Ma Nieves und Carmen.Wir kommen aus Griechenland und wir heissen Stefania und Marianna. Wir stimmen bei euch, dass es nicht gleiche Werte gibt. Tatsache ist, dass viele Menschen nicht unterschiedlichen Kulturen und Religionen respektieren, aber sie muessen tun. Natuerlich, alle haben das Recht um frei zu sprechen und ihre Meinung zu sagen. Bei uns, hier in Griechenland ist Religion sehr wichtig und viele Menschen respektieren die traditionelle Braeuche. Was ist das dort bei euch..???????

**Antworte zu Ma Nieves und Carmen

Posted by marianna+stephania..... , Mar 17,2006,13:37

After watching the video from the Max College, we believe that the values which are included to the pyramid are putted correctly. We analyzed the pyramid, and we should inform you that we have not anything to say or express a different idea. We could just mention that if some of those values will not be icluded to the pyramid, then there will be no UE.....

Posted by marianna+stephania..... , Mar 17,2006,13:48

Nahdem wir irhen video aus der Max Schule gesehen haben,wir glauben, dass die Werte, die sie gezeichnet haben,sind in die richtige Stelle.wir haben keine Merke zu machen.Wir sind davon uberzeugt, dass ob einige Werte aus der Pyramide gehen, es waere nicht in der UE gibt....