

## Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

**Teachers should not make their social or political views known to students in the classroom.**

The important role of teachers is not limited to the educational issues but rather they can affect and modify the children's beliefs in a variety of ways. One of the most important contentions in this regard is whether they should not express their political or social perspectives to their students. I personally believe that every person with any inclination ~~have~~has a right to exhibit her viewpoints and teachers also are ~~not~~no exception, however; they should be cautious about imposing their opinions on the students. In the following paragraphs, I, as an opponent to this topic, will outline my reasons.

Firstly, schools and specifically teachers should prepare the students for complicated communities such as colleges, universities and occupational environments. The more students ~~facing~~face various perspectives at school, the more likely they can later tolerate ~~the~~various opinions, which are in contrast ~~of~~to theirs. Forbearance, liberality and critical thinking ensue from listening to diverse attitudes. Only when a child encounters s different or even opposite standpoints in ~~the~~ childhood, can she effectively adjust to discrepancies in the future. One of the vital roles of teachers is to train the unprejudiced students and the major way toward this point is the freedom of expression in schools.

Secondly, one of the most important factors in the process of identity formation is the confrontation with divergent perspectives. Through the discrepancies, you can compare different ideas, compare various values and finally adopt your position. Psychological studies have shown that the adolescents whose relationships are limited to a ~~few~~small number of people, which possess the same viewpoints, in the long term have more difficulty ~~to~~communicate~~communicating~~ effectively ~~to~~with their co-workers and they will have identity foreclosure status- accepting passively the values of their parents with high commitment without exploring other ideas. On the other hand, empathy and openness are the results of listening to diverse views and two factors, which guarantee ~~the~~a successful relationship in adulthood.

To sum up, schools are the miniature/microcosm of a big community, which is comprised of mixed and dissimilar perspectives. The more the teachers present their perspective and allow the students to express their opinions and teach them to accept these diversities, the more the communities and societies accept other nations and notions, the less we will face war and conflicts within and between countries and the more beautiful and peaceful world we will have.