

Somayeh

Some people believe that family is more important than friends. To what extent do you agree or disagree?

Some people claim that family members are more valuable than groups of peers. ~~In~~from my own perspective, both family and friends play a significant role in human beings' lives for some reasons, and one cannot be chosen over the other one.

To start with family, the major point is that family this institution is the very first community we live in. Through the critical years of our childhood we are being supported by parents and often by one or more older siblings. These years form our characters, resulting in the creation of enduring links between the members of a household. Moreover, in family we feel like members are our own flesh and blood. This is because we are genetically related that expands the sense of closeness for the lifetime.

However, soon children leave their home to study at college or seek ~~for~~ a job, sometimes in another country or city. At this stage, the role of peers will get more and more crucial. To begin with the merits of friends, we could start with being from the same generation. The more people are from the same age, the better understanding they usually have from each other. Friends listen to us and normally have a better sense of empathy. Another culprit why friends are important is that there is a feeling of intimacy between friends. In consequence, secrets are being shared between one another more easily than in between family members. That is why sometimes we need to spend time with our friends rather than family members.

Reviewing the arguments above, one can conclude that there are benefits in both family and friends which make them important to us. Being brought up by family and sharing the same genes will make household members inseparable, physically and mentally. Having the same age and confidentiality make friends meaningful to us. Consequently, both groups should be appreciated by humankind.