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Ideology Paper

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Progressivism

I have never really given much thought to what type of ideology I am until this class. As I browse through the diverse characteristic of each type of ideology, I have multiple attributes from all the different styles. I suppose most people have different forms of each ideology, which is what makes us the individuals we are. The one ideology that describes me better than any of the ones we discussed would have to be progressivism.

One of the main reasons I see myself as a progressive individual is because I strive on increasing not just my knowledge, but the knowledge of others as well. I have always loved learning new things in any job I have ever held. When I was in high school, I got my first job at the popular fast food place in American; McDonalds. I started out working as a crewmember and in less than six months, I received a promotion to crew trainer. The responsibility of a crew trainer was to ensure all new members were oriented to the policies and procedures of the business. When I did not have staff to train, I worked on improving the quality of service for our customers. In less than a year, I received another promotion to shift manager. As a manager, I learned how to deal with complaints and angry customers. I also had to learn multiple tasks that I had never done before; for example managing crew, production hours, and taking care of the customers. Now most would think that is a good job to settle into, but I then got bored because I felt like I could not learn any more. Therefore, I trained to the maintenance position. I learned many things that have helped me with the teaching and training I have done even today from my McDonalds family. For myself starting at McDonalds actually was the foundation to how I view the importance of education in today’s society. If the employers did not care about the customers and meeting high standards, then they would not of worked so hard in the education we received as employees. I held the job at McDonalds for little over 5 years before I moved out of the state.

My second job I got when I moved to Oregon was as a caregiver in an assisted living facility. I started out as the night supervisor and then moved up to evening supervisor. I loved being around the residents. The things they taught me about life, love, and the passion in helping others was remarkable. I was even able to teach them a thing or two, like how to have fun. I had a few residents that told me our families stuck us here and now they forget we are here. My goal every day was to bring a smile to at least one of their faces and let them know I cared for them. We had movie nights, went on walks, wheel chair races, and I even got to opportunity to have a BBQ out by the river and they were able to attend. The residents laughed at me on a daily basis. They helped me though my pregnancy with my daughter and even threw a baby shower for me. I miss them a lot and most of them are no longer here, but at least I will always have the wisdom they passed onto me. As a progressive individual, I am able to take the lessons and information from the older generations and mix it into my generation. In today’s society we can learn a lot from how the older generations worked together collectively to increase the effectiveness of the duties they faced with during their time. I also had many discussions with them on the importance of changing with the times (computers, cell phones, etc.) to open their eyes to the new world. Many of them did not have too many nice things to say about the upcoming world today, but I tried to help them see things from my generation as positive advancements. I worked there for a little over five years before I had to move to Idaho.

I started at the hospital after I moved here from Oregon. I started as a certified nurse’s assistant and then I needed to learn more. I tend to get bored easy and need to improve myself so I can help improve others around me. Therefore, I started looking at way to help make things consistent to help others learn to do things easier but correct. This got me in the position I am currently in now, as an educator and an instructor. I teach Basic Life Support classes and Health Unit Coordinator classes also. I also teach time and scheduling currently for the inpatient units. I never really thought of myself as an educator type, but the more I do it the more I love it. I teach my classes based on the audience I have. I spend a lot of time reworking my presentations so they are just right and they are beneficial to those in my classes. I love to know that when they leave my class I did the best I could to enrich their minds and if I don’t have the right answer I tell them I am not sure but I can find the right person who does. Some people are easier to teach than most especially with the changes in all the electronic information today.

Change is inevitable, and computers are evolving today’s world. In healthcare using computers is an important part of the work force. Quite a few of my classes usually have one or two people that are not as computer savvy as most. I have a way of being able to explain things to people so they understand it on the simplest terms. I have had lots of practice with people and having to think of my least common denominator when I do steps in using computers, software, or processes. Progressives thrive on change; they look forward to making things better.

I could go on all day about how to educate or how I am always striving to learn more. This is why I feel like I am more progressive than any other ideologies. I love learning and have really enjoyed being able to teach others. I feel that knowledge and education is a key to today’s society. Without this, no one would move up in the world, people would just pick a job and stay in that position day in and day out.