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A B S T R A C T

Industrialization, urbanization, and the influence of Western culture have brought about many changes in the Filipinos' inherent values and traditions. More specifically, changes in the values concerning courtship and dating.

The need for practicality is in the face of urbanization and industrialization, thus, the Filipinos' idea of change signalled a breaking away from tradition, and instead embracing the western ideas.

Theoretically speaking, today's generation of adolescents practice dating differently compared to the past generation. They are seen as more liberal and open with regards to their relationship with the opposite sex. Thus, some sectors consider today's generation as degenerative when it comes to moral standards.

This study shows that today's youth still maintain the conservative traits and beliefs inherent in all Filipinos, especially regarding familial practices. They may be more liberal and open, but the perception that they are degenerating into immorality is erroneous in light of the findings of this study.

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