

Master Values Application Worksheet

Suggestions for what we can do about the falling moral barometer

What can we do individually to help change the falling barometer?

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<p>The relationship between our peers and our elders is something we are completely in control of and swearing to your peers is like a vicious cycle. Once someone says or does something, the other one will argue back and this can keep going forever. If one of us doesn't stop, then this use of inappropriate language will never change. Nowadays, swearing is considered as a "cool" thing to do in some "gangs" as well as smoking and/or use of alcohol and drugs. To reduce this drug and alcohol abuse, schools can provide classes on drug education. Here is Bangkok Patana School, 2 people who use to be drug addicts came to talk to us about their experiences, which changed most of our opinions and clarified certain issues and facts. The key thing is not to tell teenagers not to do it, but to give them reasons and examples of WHY they shouldn't.</p>	<p>The things that we could help to change individually. Are there any items we might help improve just by shifting our attitude? What about by changing the way we personally put our values into action? We believe that in order for things to change, individuals must first change themselves. The most important thing is that we are true to the moral values and principles that our parents and school have taught us. We can help change most of the items on our FALLING list, especially from the 3rd to the 7th. For example, by changing our attitudes as consumers we can help conserve natural resources. We must follow the Positive Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you want others to do unto you", so that if we treat people with respect, kindness and generosity they will also treat us that way. We must resist negative peer pressure and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Become more politically aware • Start reading the papers and news magazines. • Identify trends and see the BIG picture • Be generous with pats on the back. i.e. random acts of kindness type things. • Students felt that this was all well and good but hard to do because of the declining importance and influence of the "community" • They see the community unit disintegrating, therefore defaulting to the individual who instinctively behaves in a selfish way. • Quite a bit of what is making the barometer fall is government corruption, inaction, neglect etc. • We can stop thinking of the government as being this way if we recall that the government is elected and controlled

	<p>become role models and positive leaders who will influence others; it is our obligation and responsibility to do so. We must “strengthen” our values all the time and become better-informed citizens who will make good decisions.</p>	<p>by us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They represent our wishes. • We can’t afford to become cynical about government Therefore we have to become more politically aware, vote, keep pressure for government accountability, be active citizens.
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What can the community do to contribute to change?

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<p>It is impossible to get rid of all illegal and dishonest activities, but things such as cheating in school can be gotten rid of if the school community is strong and as long as everyone trusts each other.</p> <p>Child protection is an important issue many teenagers all over the world are concerned with. This is an issue we can do very little about except maybe inform our police or town council of our concerns or of any stories we know about.</p>	<p>All the items need community involvement. First of all, families must stress the importance of moral values. We need better parenting; parents must develop skills by attending seminars, conferences, reading, etc. The school should also teach moral values, starting with the very young and continuing along the grade levels. The members of the community need to support each other through tough times; they can also join forces to stand against corruption in the government and child abuse. The community can also help solve local environmental problems: reforestation, volunteering in environmental education programs for children in low-income schools, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General feeling that the community was in decline • Feeling that the individual is the main thing and satisfying the needs of the individual is more important than the community. • If the individual could shift their values back to the community things would be better. • The community needs to be more responsible for keeping the government in check. • Get the community out voting, protesting, demanding, insisting

What can the government do?

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<p>The selling of fake CDs and old run down cars are issues for the police to deal with and the changes that might occur will depend on how successful and efficient the government and the police are.</p> <p>Prostitution here in Thailand is something we will never be able to get rid of since over 70% of Thailand's income is through tourism and most tourists are here because of the sex business.</p> <p>A lot of political conflict and corruption seems to be taking place especially with the government and the police. This is once again something we can't do much about since these figures are meant to be our role models.</p>	<p>Education is a key factor in solving most of the problems, so the government needs to reach all of the members of society (increase budget to have more "coverage"). The government should develop programs on Values, Environmental, Drug and Sexual Education to be taught at all levels in all schools of the country. The government also needs to promote policies and pass laws that will prevent child abuse, prostitution, drug traffic, environmental degradation, and corruption. The government also needs to put a regulation on the types of advertising TV shows, films, etc that promote promiscuity and pornography. Why do you need to show a naked woman to advertise shoes? Many TV shows and commercials show a lack of moral values, especially in relation to sex; this has a negative influence, especially on teenagers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to think about this one since they are so wrapped up about the ineffectiveness of the government. • We need more watchdog organizations in Canada to make sure the government is in check. • Can't have a government ethic committee. They would have a conflict of interest. • Have an outside NGO watching over the government.

What items from the Rising Barometer list will help improve the ideas identified above?

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	<p>All the items on the RISING barometer list will help. Especially, the values such as respect, responsibility, compassion and solidarity, even though this last one is not on the list.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Did not see a lot of commonality between Bangkok, Guatemala City and Toronto on the Raising Moral Barometer• Bangkok was more about the individual doing things better• Guatemala City was more about the community doing things for improvement• Toronto was more about the Canadian government doing things better• Certainly a lot more compassion and fairness happening