



The ideology and Concept of Trust

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The concept of trust can be traced back to various degrees. In the social setting, trust can be based in relationship level or in various groups. One person can actually trust another and the bond that they have will be a deciding factor in their relationship. In addition, the concept is that the trustor is willing to rely upon the actions of the trustee and they are required to create a deal on how certain situations will be directed in the future. Trust is actually based on several rules and regulations. If the trustor breaks the belief of the trustee, then there will be mistrust among the two parties. This is actually the concept behind trust.

Erick Erickson, a German-American psychoanalyst, created a theory about the development of trust. According to his Theory of Human Development, he pointed out how a person can rely to another individual in order to aid him in his survival. During the 12 to 18 months of an infant, there is the issue of trust versus Mistrust. The infant's bond with his parents deeply relies on love and trust. The trust between child and parent is manifested on the touch and the tender stare that an infant gives to his mother. If the parents fail to provide the infant with his needs, then mistrust will happen and the neurobiological structure or activity of the brain of the child will be altered.

The concept of trust is actually questionable today. Most married couples have intimacy and trust issues while companies are also questioned because of their business practices. One of the major reasons why most couples have trust issues is because of the lack of fidelity. In terms of business, the public has utmost trust with a certain brand or service. If that company that provides that provides that service will not be able to meet the expectations of the consumer, then the consumer will move on to another brand.

Of course, trust can also be found in the political setting and education setting. Political leaders have been selected according to their integrity and their public relations. Once a politician loses the interest and trust of the general public, he also loses the chance to gain political power. In the end, politicians which are mistrusted by the people are often the ones which are not re-elected. That is why politicians strictly need to protect their public image and they should not be charged with graft and corruption. In schools, students also have a strong trust with their teachers. It is important for trust to exist between teacher and student because without it students will no longer follow the instructions of their educators and learning will no longer be possible.

Questions:

1. Who is the psychoanalyst who pointed out the concept of trust?
2. What are the different settings for trust?
3. Why is trust needed inside the classroom?
4. What is the manifestation of trust between infant and mother?
5. What happens when the public's trust is lost in a political setting?