

FEEDBACK FROM SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS (DAY 1)

MONEY & CRIME (Group 2)

Bob Marley has a song that say *"Them belly full but them hungry"*

1. Society as a whole has been based on inequality where the focus upon the issue of inequality where the minority in society has control over all the wealth creating struggle between the majority which consists of the poor. These people tend to influence certain laws and decisions that are made to be forced upon the poor. When this happens, as a lack of available resources people tend to commit crime, robberies and larceny in an effort to meet their basic needs for themselves and their families.
2. Money can also be used to solve crime as well as create it, in that money can be used to educate and provide employment for the needy. To prevent them from turning to crime to solve their problems, also money can lead to high crime rate as individuals struggle to gain wealth quickly rather than working towards earning it
3. Money and crime can be linked as a culture among the youths in that they see it as a job where they get paid to rob, steal and kill. This is generally a typical trend of the inner city youths.
4. Money, crime and poverty are closely intertwined in that youths that were brought up in a society of poverty were not socialized well with society. So since they feel deprived they go out and try to get their wealth via criminal activities since they want to move up the social ladder to the upper class.

Music Among Youth & Crime (Group 1)

1. Opinions are different but group felt that artistes sing about what they see. Crime is a part of life so they sing about crime (in reference to the chicken & egg comment made by Dr. Hope)
2. Artistes do not tell people what to do.
3. Do not have to listen if you don't want to. Many people are easily led if you listen to all that is depicted.
4. Censorship has a role but its not the be all end all. Many musicians will exaggerate for creative and commercial purposes.
5. Negative music stands out more than positive music.
6. There are many more forms of music nowadays. Positive still exists. They need to go negative to get exposure. Positive music we will get over. Artistes don't see the problems they create.
7. Unity was more abundant in the past. Music reflected that.
8. Internet may make things worst.
9. The radio pushes what they want.
10. Media could do more restrictions which could shift contents and thus peoples mindsets.
11. Violence still happens despite censorship.
12. People get different messages from the same content.
13. Some artistes preach double standards music\artiste imagery can be an easy scape-goat for problems.
14. Music does not influence youth as much as it is perceived to.

Self –Esteem (Group 3)

Self-esteem is what you believe about yourself. Things that affect one's self-esteem include: peer pressure, social influences, community, home environment, school, society in general, social discrimination, stigmatization, poverty.

One should not let society determine what they are capable of. No matter what circumstance, we are all full of potential to be all that we can be. Never let anything in life affect your esteem. God has a purpose for you. It is up to you to fulfill it.

General Comments from Discussion

1. Negative lyrics..... consciously and unconsciously we listen to the music so we hear and sleep and get up in the morning. The brain feed upon it. So we sing it and do the action. If we play violent music, we feel violent, aggressive. If we play love music our action is different. The question is the function of the music versus the responsibility of the parent.