

Different Ideas of Ethics Lead to Different Types of Bullying

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Bullying is an ethical problem that exists all over the world. Many students in many schools face bullying. The purpose of my study is to analyze the methods of dealing with bullying and the different types of bullying. The significance of my study is comparing Japan and the U.S. because these countries have different ideas about what is ethical, which leads to differences in bullying. Of course, the way to solve the problem is different. How do these countries deal with this problem? To understand the differences between American and Japanese bullying, these aspects must be considered: the teachers' attitude toward bullying, the differences in school systems, and the environment in which students are raised.

The first aspect is the teachers' attitude toward bullying. In Japan, students talk about bullying to teachers, and teachers have to solve the problem. For example, when my sister taught Japanese in middle school, she had to go to school every Sunday in order to communicate with parents about bullying. On the other hand, in the U.S., it's not only the role of the teacher to stop bullying but also the other support is necessary. (O'Brien, 2011). From this point of view, the position of teachers is different. The second aspect is the differences in school systems. In Japan, we have ethics classes in elementary school and in middle school. However, in the U.S., whether the classes are required or not depends on individual state. The value placed on ethics classes is totally different. The last aspect is the environment in which students are raised. In the U.S., many kinds of people live together, and the one of the causes of bullying is due to differences in race. On the other hand, Japan is a homogeneous country, so bullying doesn't happen due to issues in race.

In conclusion, in order to understand the differences between American and Japanese bullying, we must understand the differences in how teachers approach the problem, as well as how to deal with ethics classes in the country. Finally, understanding the different personalities and environments help teachers to solve the problem.

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