**FAMILY VALUES**

***Read and translate the text and discuss it in groups. Give your own list of family values.***

If you ask most representatives of today’s younger generation what family values mean, their responses will be smashing. There is no USSR with its motto “a family is a cell of the society”, which pointed out that every family should have the same set of values to be an equal part of the society. A family is a group consisting of one or two parents and their children. So, parents were responsible for bringing up obedient and respectful adult children.

In the past it was common for three generations – grandparents, parents and children – to live together. People found living in a multi-generation home quite normal. So it was grandparents who took care of children and their set of values. Now older people live on their own but with rising prices most families cannot survive on one parents` salary. So, sometimes parents depend on grandparents in terms of money because their income is too low to survive.

Parents are often busy at work trying to earn as much money as possible. As a result, children are not well supervised; they are not even given advice, so they have to live on their own.

Whole generations are growing up addicted to TV. Food is left uneaten, homework left undone and sleep is lost. Children are kept quite by putting them in the living room and turning on the TV set. It does not matter to their parents what the children watch: rubbish commercials or spectacles of sadism and violence, because they are too busy earning money.

As a result children try to imitate TV values. They become indifferent when people are killed. They die for alcohol, cigarettes and drugs – not only marijuana, but cocaine. They start close intimate relationship, not taking responsibility. So women become mothers while they are still teenagers. Many of these teenaged mothers are not married.

But I hope that the younger generation will not absorb the family values of an older one and parents will take care of their children. Then everything in our country will be OK.

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