

Do you agree with disagree with the following statement.

The extended family (grandparents, cousins, aunts, uncles) is less important than it was in the past.

Use specific reasons and examples to support your essay.

When is the last time you talked to your grandparents? Do you think if you reach their ages, how many times a week you would like your child or grandchild to come to see you? Some people believe that today extended families are not more significanttee to people, especially young generation any more. When it comes to this social issue/disaster, I am asserting my disagreement on the following grounds.

First and foremost, proportion of the big family with more than four children was about 60 percent in mega cities. However, nowadays they have declinedd to 6 percent which is a huge change. This rapid alteration in the number of people in every family has led to improvements in the relationship of people, and has connected them more strongly. For example, as my cousin does not have any brother or of sister, he not only treats act to all of his cousins as brothers and sisters, but also, introduces me to all of his friends as his brother, so -So people are more feel more loneliness and to fill full their gapss their kith are more valuable to them and they are more connected compared to the past decades decays.

In the second place, considering the advantage of new technologies like social networks applications such as Facebook or Twitter or even more importantly free mobile application, namely Viber and Whatsapp, although, people are not living together in a house, they are more connecting to each other with this virtual connection links. For instance, in an experiment on children between 8 to 12, they found out that children have more virtual friends compared to their school friends. Thus, by changing the way of communication from time-consuming, face-to-face talks to fascinatinge virtual ones, individuals are more willing to be connected to not only their family, but also their extended family members.

To sum up, even though people are more seem to be stranger to each other todays, However, they have in fact are just only changeding the way of interaction and actually are more connecting to each other more. Moreover,

today's families are smaller and to fill the empty gaps people extend their nuclear family to their grandparents and **even** cousins.

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