

"We are all murderers and prostitutes-no matter to what culture, society, class, nation one belongs, no matter how normal, moral, or mature, one takes oneself to be." R. D. Laing British psychiatrist. R.D. Laing obviously backs up William Golding's point of view that human nature is evil. Human nature is directly affected by the environment; and is constantly changing due to the experiences of the individual. Oscar Wilde once said "The only thing that one really knows about human nature is that it changes. Change is the one quality we can predicate from it. The systems that fail are those who rely on the permanency of human nature, and not on its growth and development. The error of Louis XIV was that he thought human nature would always be the same. The result of his error was the French Revolution. It was an admirable result." Human nature depends upon the environment in which they are immersed. The idea that children, not humans in general, are swayed by the ideas and actions of their parental figures is also a central idea of the book, "The Lord of the Flies" by William Golding.

Because of the war in England where the boys were from their human experience was one of war. If there was no war going on in England at the time they were evacuated from England, there would've been no deaths, no Lord of the Flies, and certainly no beast. Because if they had come with a good human nature then how would there have been a beast which Golding classified as the basic evil inside all of us. Another thing that ties in with this that children try to copy what they see adults do so if a child sees an adult smoke up or drink then he may believe that it is okay or it is right because their parents do it. As George Orwell once said "Part of the reason for the ugliness of adults, in a child's eyes, is that the child is usually looking upwards, and the adults are rarely looking down. Yet no matter what they will always adore, look up to and love their parents." But as was just said sometimes that can be a bad thing. So what must we do? Well for starters why not try to teach our children better and try at all costs to set good examples for our children so that our society will hopefully be salvaged from the god forsaken wrath of evil.

Children who's parents smoke have a 40% higher chance of smoking than children who's parents don't smoke.¹ Chances are it is a mix of two things, first the fact that they think that it is okay for them to do it since their parents do it, the second is because of the nicotine addiction could be passed on from adults to their offspring. Now of course there are exceptions to the thesis like kids who smoke because their parents

don't, but that is usually a small percentile of the population. Most children will not do it as a rebellious act just because they see their parents doing it so therefor it is okay. Now as was stated briefly previously kids will a lot of the time do what their parents do because they look up to them so why wouldn't they copy what the adults are doing. So why can't we just stop altogether because we have a lazy society who rejects change so this may take a lot longer than would be hoped for.

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In conclusion, although it may no work due to the constant changing of human nature, we must try not to set bad examples for younger ones who look up to us, and also try to give our children the best life we can provide for them and teach them right from wrong and teach them the right morals. Basically, we should just try to do the best parenting job we can do and hope the information and things you taught him or her will help them through life.

