**Should People Stop Stereotyping Each Other?**

Everywhere around the world, there are two types of people: the ones who agree with stereotyping as a societal behavior and the ones who disagree. Stereotyping is assuming some thing about someone as a form of generalization without necessarily being sure that this character trait or idea is true. Whether it is true or not, people keep such stagnant impressions about others anyways. Examples of stereotyping that hurt many people are: all elders are forgetful, and all women are weak and not skillful. I disagree with stereotyping because it is bad for people on the social level and on the individual level. Two categories can be discussed here as examples: old people and women.

Lowering the confidence of older people has a negative effect not only on the individual level but also on the global one. Today, approximately 11% of the world’s population ages above 60. This large percentage might lose self-confidence because of the stereotype that old people are weak and have bad memory, which affects their social and professional efficiency. Their self-confidence will be destroyed and the world will lose their skills and hard work. This will affect the world’s productivity level and maybe national incomes of countries. The fact is that people above 60 still have enough power to work hard and generate large sums of money, so stereotyping can be harmful in their case.

On the other hand, weakening the self-esteem of women might result in an even larger loss than that done to old people. Women are about half of the world’s population. For that reason, our main aim should be to encourage them to do even more in order to benefit from their skills. For example, in Canada in 2018, women earned 87% more than what men earned in hourly wages. This means that women are able to generate money sometimes even more than men. Stereotyping women as weak and less skillful than men should therefore stop. More jobs should be offered to competing women with high performance in all countries around the world. This way the societies will benefit from them instead of negatively stereotyping them.

In conclusion, Stereotyping can kill people’s hope to be better and functional. Like elders and women, there are many other social categories that should be given the right to try and show their best to the world. Age, gender and skin color among other examples of generalizations should never be a way to define people. What defines people are people’s actions not assumptions about them and their actions. (421 words)