Empowering Adolescents as Servant-Leaders

This short article examines youth culture and the fact that many youth have lower confidence and self-esteem and do not view themselves as having leadership abilities. The message of “domination and shallow materialism” is broadcast through the media, seen on clothing messages and a surrounding worldview that emphasizes appearance and competition. This article is talking about the implementation of a youth training program that emphasizes the aspects of servant leadership. It outlines a problem that youth culture faces, identifies and summarizes what servant leadership is and the functions that would enhance a servant leader. The program is outlined with goals for the participants and all the components involved.

I thought this was a compelling article, although brief, because it addresses an often overlooked area of leadership- youth leadership. I think the development of this program addressed in the article is essential because it places emphasis on those participants that would normally not be selected for traditional leadership opportunities and teaches them how to be positive change agents in the community.