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Values of today's society

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Values of today's society	A possible answer (– partly drawn from Christian values)
I am the master of my life and I plan everything the way I want this.	Life doesn't stick to a plan. Anything could happen – and sometimes our plans weren't so good after all.
Extreme need of security needs	Confidence in God
Overly high standard of living	What makes us really happy? Take courage to be satisfied with less
Relativism	Recognize that there is something which is always true
“Lethal compassion”	Real compassion endures and shares the suffering. Euthanasia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dying <i>with</i> the hand not <i>through</i> the hand of another. • Creating a climate in which no one asks to be killed.
Entertainment society and the principle of desire/pleasure.	Joy and meaning through responsibility
Idolatry of health	Emphasis on the fullness of human needs
Everything is allowed	Life is inviolable! “Ethics” means safeguarding fence!
Cult of the body	Consciousness of the creaturely nature of a being and its changes
I am the center of the world and all things	Reaching an I-Thou level
Fear of the imperfect: I cannot live with a handicapped child.	A human being is not in a production chain where someone could get sorted out. A handicap should not entail a survival risk! Let us stay away from separating people into “worthy of life” and “unworthy of life”. No discrimination against handicapped unborn!

*Manifest www.dubistdeutschland.de & on youtube
with English subtitles!*

Du machst uns wahnsinnig.
Du schreist die ganze Nacht.
Du machst ins Bett.
Du bekommst erst Zähne
und dann noch die Windpocken.

Du hasst erst den Kindergarten,
dann die Schule
und mit 15 hasst du uns.
Ja, du machst uns wahnsinnig –
vor Glück.

Deine Anschaffung ist kostenlos.
Danach wird's teuer.
Du benötigst Zeit und Platz.
Du kostest uns die neuen Schuhe,
den größeren Fernseher,
und den Urlaub am Meer.

Du bist kein Luxus –
du bist unbezahlbar.

Es gibt viele gute Gründe, keine Kinder zu
bekommen.
Und den besten es doch zu tun – Dich!

Du kannst nicht sprechen
und erklärst uns die ganze Welt.
Du kannst nicht laufen,
aber hilfst uns auf die Sprünge.
Du lernst jeden Tag so viel.
Und lehrst uns noch viel mehr.

Du zeigst uns, dass es nie den falschen, sondern
eigentlich nur den richtigen Zeitpunkt gibt dich zu
bekommen.

Du hast Mutter und Vater –
und brauchst doch das ganze Land, um glücklich
aufzuwachsen.

Du bist nicht allein, sondern unsere wertvollste
Aufgabe.

Du machst aus zwei Menschen eine Familie,
aus der kleinsten Wohnung einen
Abenteuerspielplatz
und aus Nudeln mit Tomatensauce ein Festessen.

Wir brauchen mehr von deiner Sorte.

Weil ohne dich die Gegenwart keinen Spaß bringt –
und die Zukunft bereits vergangen ist.

Du bist Deutschland.

You drive us crazy
you cry all night long
you wet your bed
First you are teething
and then you fall sick

First you hate kindergarten
then school
and when you are 15, you hate us.
You drive us crazy -

of joy.

We conceived you for free
Afterwards you became expensive
You need time and space
We sacrifice our new shoes
the large flat screen TV
and our holiday at the seaside.

You are no luxury –
you are priceless.

There are many reasons not to have children.
And there is the best reason to have children
anyway: YOU!

You can't talk
but you explain the world to us.
You can't walk
but you help us to move.
You learn so much every day
and you teach us even more.

You show us that it is never the wrong moment but
actually always the right one to have you.

You have a mother and a father
but you need the entire nation to grow up happily.

You are not alone, but you are our most precious
task.

You make a family out of two people,

You transform the smallest apartment into an
adventure playground,
And noodles with tomato sauce into a feast.

We need more of your kind.

Because without you, the present isn't any fun –
And the future would already have past.

You are Germany.