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**“European” globalisation, the shift in traditional values and its impact on families and children  
of Christian background in Europe**

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Abstract

The paper tries to discuss some aspects of the European context of globalisation and the way they have been used by different political powers and public bodies in order to achieve equal understanding and practice of basic human values for the member states of the European Union (EU) and beyond. The issue of “traditional values” is briefly dealt with, especially as they have been practiced by Christians for many centuries, and the new understanding of some values is compared with centuries-old moral principles.

The paper seeks to clarify whether some EU directives abolish some traditional values and what the response from families and children is. It is asserted that the Church has always been “the family” to the child, and today we wonder whether this fact continues to be the case. If child’s faith is the faith of the church to which they belong, in what way the shift of values today impacts Christian families and their children?

The author considers some movements and protests of parents and young people in Eastern European countries that oppose the new understanding of human rights and values and the new European directives concerning gender, equality, and non-discrimination. Specific examples of violating Christian families’ rights and freedoms are given. Then some conclusions are drawn as to how Christians can, or allowed to, educate and bring up their children and young people in the new circumstances of life in Europe (and beyond).