



WHAT IS WRONG WITH AMERICAN EDUCATION?

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AMERICAN EDUCATION

- Each year, the test scores for standardized tests are getting lower and lower.
- What can we do to fix this? And what are some problems that causes the tests to be lower?
- Not only improving test scores, but how schools change the mindset of American citizens for the newer generation.



CRITICISM OF AMERICAN EDUCATION

- Lack of World Knowledge
- Overusing Technology
- Learning Material Assigned To Teachers
- Too Many Classes In One Day
- Too Much Pressure On A University Education



IS TECHNOLOGY HURTING US?

- Calculators should be there as a brief aid, not something to rely on. This limits the child's critical thinking abilities when they have a calculator as a crutch.
- Giving laptops is only a distraction rather than a helper.
- As we move forward in this technology based society, students are becoming lazier because technology is doing the work rather than their own brains.

FOR THE STUDENT OR FOR THE TEST?

Problem: Students are not being taught for their knowledge but for preparation of a test, which is the bare minimum.

Teaching the bare minimum for passing the test hurts the child more than benefit. The learning material should be for the student's knowledge, and not just to pass a test. When learning for the benefit of the student's knowledge, they can apply it to other subjects and everyday issues.

This shows that there is more emphasis on testing than teaching.

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STOP THE SHORTCUTS

Students would be better off if they learned the traditional methods and procedures when it comes to math, and not shortcuts or newer ways.

- Shortcuts limit the way a child thinks.
- Learning the full procedure will enhance a child's critical thinking which will be easier to apply to other math problems.
- The change in procedures also limits parents from helping their child at home.



IS SCHOOL TOO LONG?

- Should school hours decrease or should there be longer breaks?
- School subjects can alternate depending on the day.
- Class transitions should be 10 minutes each, to ensure a better transition and break period (for bathrooms, materials, water, breaks, questions for the teacher, etc.)

- Another possibility is alternating school subjects and cutting school off at noon. It will save money for lunch food, as well as give a good stopping point.

EDUCATION IS EXPENSIVE

- Too much money where education is only granted to the rich and not the deserving.
- Taxes should go more to education instead of having businesses such as Universities give a good education to those who can afford it.

WORLD HISTORY & GEOGRAPHY

Why is learning about history and geography important?

Learning about Geography and History keeps a person open minded because they know how other people in other countries are. When there is a respect for culture, it will help lessen the mindset of "everything revolves around America".

Addition to this, it would be a benefit since some other countries learn about some American history yet in a majority of schools, learning more about other countries is not mandatory and only optional. As if we require them to learn our history yet we know nothing of theirs.

THE WORLD BY HEMISPHERES

WESTERN

EASTERN



WHAT ABOUT OTHER COUNTRIES?

How is the education in other countries, including developing countries? An image some people believe is that in developing countries, the education is not good, or is it only perceived that way? Down below are Germany (a developed nation) with Philippines (a developing nation).

Germany

- Free education (education is for the deserving, not the rich)
- University is not always the only option
- Not having a university degree does not mean having a bad life
- Different classes are offered each day

Philippines

- Teacher respect
- Little to no homework
- More academic based electives
- Class ending at noon

OVERALL

When we compare both, it shows how different the education systems has attributes that benefit the students. With more academic based electives in Philippines, they enter the medical field with high demand. On the other hand, Germany has one of the highest ranked educations. School is less but they learn more.

Should we make some of these changes to benefit the future of American children?

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