

The Validity of Education

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The importance of education in our lives is something that is not emphasized enough. The pursuit of education is a rigorous task that many take on, yet receive little credit for. Education shapes our minds and our lives in countless ways, some of which we may not recognize, but all of which have grave input on our development as people. Education's importance can be found in almost all aspects of life, and it shapes how we live our daily lives, as well as how we interpret different situations. Furthermore, education is important because not only does it impact how we think about ourselves, but it also affects how we think about and give back to society.

From a personal perspective, becoming educated has the possibility to impart great positive change in your life. Education provides a baseline for personal growth, and enables you with a wealth of knowledge to build off of. Statistically speaking, those who seek education are more likely to enjoy more security in life, as well as being "more likely to earn more money, be more employable, and be more financially secure" (Meents). In terms of societal impact, education has a "history of fostering positive social change" by encouraging the growth of "like political participation, social equality, and environmental sustainability". These conclusions aid in illustrating the value of education on the human condition. Education is not just a tool to better our own lives, but rather, a tool we can use to better the lives of those around us, and the lives of future generations. Education may provide us with knowledge and reason, but it also imbues in us a sense of purpose and creativity, as well as a desire to spread said knowledge to others. To educate young minds is to give them perspective; for not only are we giving our students past knowledge, but we are also widening their minds and creating students who are "more open, thoughtful, and responsible citizens, who are prepared to put these skills into action in our society". The effect that education has on shaping a person's morals and logic, as well as their

overall human development, is something that cannot be emphasized enough. When provided with education, young scholars are able to partake in a fantastic experience that serves as a breeding ground for positive development and growth, and they go into the world with an abundance of skills, reasoning, and knowledge that they can use to positively impact their communities, both local and global.

In regards to mankind, education is one of the most powerful tools at our disposal, and continuing to strengthen global education is a prospect certainly worth investing in. Ultimately, you could say that education's purpose in our world is the "training of the minds to think" (D'cruz). In essence, the importance of education doesn't lie in the material that we teach, but rather, teaching students to be able to think rationally and constructively, and producing strong, capable citizens who seek to make positive change. Education seeks to provide a sense of purpose in students' lives, and the best outcome for an educated student is when a student "decides in life to do what their passion is instead of doing things for just money". By providing students with meaning and passion, we, as educators, are guiding them towards a life of fulfillment and happiness.

Overall, the purpose of education is more than just a diploma or the accumulation of what some might see as trivial knowledge. Rather, education seeks to give us the tools with which we can create our own success in life. We need an education because it helps to develop us into strong, driven citizens, who are motivated by fulfillment and the desire to help others, not greed or personal gain.

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