



# Understanding Society's Influence on Education

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## Abstract:

*Education has a great social importance specially in the modern, complex industrialised societies. Philosophers of all periods, beginning with ancient stages, devoted to it a great deal of attention. Accordingly, various theories regarding its nature and objective have come into being. Let us now examine some of the significant functions of education.*

*Society and education are two inseparable elements in our world. It has always been in talks how education influences the society. The things we are taught and what we learn through our schooling affects the kind of person we are and consequently influences the society as a whole. But seldom do we tackle on society's influence on education. In definition, society is an extended social group having a distinctive cultural and economic organization. The building blocks of society are we human beings. How people interact creates the pattern of relationships between individuals and thus characterizes the society according to the systems of customs, values, and laws.*

*Passing through this article the author indicates that which key factor of the Society creates significantly impact on the process of Education or on the Education. Here, the sentence that 'Society play a significant role in education' is well suit because of this article realise that the interaction process between Society and Education.*

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## 1. Introduction

Education, understanding it from a general perspective, is any learning that we obtain from different media. Education does not start on our first day of formal schooling. Nor is it bound by the four walls of the room where an educator imparts his knowledge. It starts from the first forms of interaction as human being. It continues even as we leave the classrooms. We learn from anything we do, hear, see, that is, we gain knowledge from our surroundings.

With this in mind, how the society is greatly affects the education of its constituents. If the society believes in a set of norms and values, it is but natural for these individuals to inculcate to others their principles. What a society upholds will be reflected in the way the people interact with others. And these interactions provide learning to both parties. This is what is called non-formal education from the society.

Society plays a significant role in education. It can influence it both ways, positively and negatively. The values, morals, and principles of a society will create an education system that upholds the same values, morals, and principles. A social group that believes in righteous acts and decent interactions will hone its individuals to teach the same to other people.

However, there are certain inequalities in the society that creates a negative effect on education. There are societies that deny women's right to education. There are discrimination against the women wanting to enter certain fields of study. Conversely, men are also discriminated against penetrating certain fields of study that women dominate.

Moreover, there are societies that force children to work denying them of the formal education. This exposes them to an unhealthy environment that halts their growth and development. What they are learning while working at such a young age is not the expected learning had they been allowed to study and exposed to healthy surroundings.

The social status also dictates the kind of education people can obtain. The cost of education can be correlated with the social system, that is, as you go up the social classes, so is your capability to get education. In gist, you can get the best education if you can afford it.

## **2. Education brings wide-ranging benefits to the society**

For instance, more educated people tend to live longer... What is the ultimate purpose of education? Early philosophers such as Aristotle and Plato pointed out that education was central to the moral fulfilment of individuals and the well-being of the society in which they live. In the past few decades, research has supported this conventional wisdom, revealing that education not only enables individuals to perform better in the labor market, but also helps to improve their overall health, promote active citizenship and contain violence. The analysis below presents evidence on the relationship between education and social outcomes including health, civic engagement and subjective well-being across many countries.

## **3. Education and society: Educational efficiency**

### **3.1 Educational input**

Student characteristics

- Student ability
- Family background

School characteristics

- School culture
- Teachers' background

Educational input

- Community characteristics
- Government funding
- Student population
- Socio-economic characteristics
- Private sector's contribution & donations to schooling
- Culture of community support to schooling

Student achievement

- Test score

School performance

- Value-added
- Student drop-out rate
- Student completion rate
- Student admission rate
- School as a learning community

Education and Development

- Life chance of an individual, in terms of
  - Job security
  - Career opportunities
  - Income
  - Job satisfaction
  - Further learning opportunities
- Development of a society

- Social
- Cohesion
- Mobility
  - Political
- Civic society
- democracy
  - Economic
- Growth
- Distribution

### **3.2 Benefits of Education to Society**

The necessity of education is viewed to be more social than a personal obligation. A society needs to have qualified and well educated citizens as it helps create a smooth and developed society. Education is a necessity of civilization developing in size and quality, and it has become vital that the society needs educated individuals to solve life challenges and problems. There are many benefits of education and are as follows.

#### **1. Freedom of choice**

There is freedom of choice when you prefer to home school your children. However, there are certain legal requirements you need to observe to ensure everything runs smoothly. Homeschooling students are motivated to work at their own pace and as a result, they contribute positive to the society.

#### **2. Creates thinkers and problem solvers**

Education is a prerequisite as the society needs able thinkers who can solve life challenges when they arise. For that reason, education has become more important than just for personal fulfilment, it is now indispensable especially now that times are changing.

#### **3. More job opportunities**

Although you might be an intelligent individual and you know your field of expertise, you need to know that your potential employer does not yet know about you. For that reason, pursuing a degree in higher education will enable you to achieve the knowledge required in your career of choice. As a result, you will have an edge over other applicants in the market which means you get to have a new perspective on the society.

#### **4. Boost financial income**

Pursuing higher education is an expensive investment but pays off in the long run. Employers normally make pay decisions depending on your experience and education. According to recent studies, graduates with degrees and doctorates earn twice as much as compared to those with high school degrees. For that reason, individuals are able to participate actively in various projects in the society.

The main shortcoming is poor educational attainment attributed to upbringing. Studies indicate that children who come from disadvantaged families are subsequently disadvantaged in education.

### **4. Conclusion**

There is no question regarding society's influence on education but it is up to us if we will allow society to have a negative impact not just on the education system alone but also on the overall development of an individual. We have to be mindful and vigilant in correcting unlawful and unjust ways so we can slowly mould the society into becoming a good effect on education.

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