

Public Education - *A Looking Glass and Reflection of America*

Primitive man was the first to experience the mystical powers and illusions of their reflection scene in a pool of clear water thousands of years ago. It is difficult to imagine the experience they had when they first saw the reflection of the person looking back at them. Did they even understand it was their own reflection staring back at them or did they think it was someone else? Many natives believed the reflections they were seeing was conjured up by evil spirits that could control them or even lead them to death and the afterlife.

A looking glass as they were once called are believed to have been first used over 8,000 thousand years ago by some accounts of history. Other accounts written about history describe the first-time mirrors were used as a way to adorn someone that was living in the 17th century. Mirrors like many things in life are very deceiving. What you believe to be true about something often times turns out to be something entirely opposite or at least nothing like you first imagined it to be. Mirrors can only reflect the light back from what is seen at the surface. Anything below the surface of the skin or clothing cannot be seen from the reflection in the mirror.

The public education system in America is much the same as the reflection seen in a mirror. On the surface the government public education system in this nation catches the eye of millions of people and has them fooled as being the greatest method of education ever and something that cannot be done without. Political leaders and public educators for decades have convinced parents who are too busy chasing the American dream that all good parents must send little Johnny and Suzie to the government run public school system while mom and dad go to work. The public education system without a doubt has contributed a great part in the success of this nation and this cannot be disputed. Any young child will benefit greatly from gaining an education and learning the very fundamentals and core subject matter that was at one time actually taught in the classrooms of the public education system in this country. Over the decades millions of children have graduated with the knowledge and skill levels to enter into the workforce and become part of society that makes a positive impact and difference.

If you fast-forward from the nineteen fifties and sixties to present day a lot has changed in the government run public education system and the society overall. What lies below and is lurking beneath the surface is a very scary picture. The classroom today in public schools looks nothing like it did fifty years ago while at the same time the quality of education has diminished greatly. Over the past three decades in this country the public education system has been under scrutiny and close attention has been paid to the system, teachers, and the classroom. Hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars have been diverted from taxpayers and into the coffers of the government run education

system with little to show in regard to academic achievement and excellence. Public educators and government leaders will try and convince all is well with the system today, but the facts prove different. A lot of the attention has been focused on the classroom and trying to improve knowledge and skill levels while a powerful undercurrent has been at work for decades undoing and countering many of the positive aspects of the public education system in its current state and condition.

There are multiple problems with the current government system that have taken decades to notice and have been overlooked by the entire nation as a whole. These problems have changed the landscape and look of this nation in ways that millions of people in this country never saw coming. A sample of these problems will be looked at in detail below. It will benefit all who are reading this to take note and to determine what changes they may want to consider for their own good and success and to help correct the problems this nation is facing today.

Good Citizenship and Responsibility

Parents who send their children to the government run public education system have made the decision to let someone else take responsibility for the education of their children. This is a very hard fact for parents to except but cannot be denied. It is one of those hidden faults with the public education system that is not seen on the surface. It is one of those topics that will make many people mad, but the fact remains if you send your child to the public education system you are asking others to do your job as a parent. It is the role of the parents to provide ALL the needs of their children. At one time in this country the parents of children would have been insulted at the fact that someone else needs to be provider for anything regarding their children. People had pride and determination to be the best parents and to provide for their children. Children were taught to be responsible and self-reliant and to depend on themselves, hard work and having good character qualities. What most parents do not understand is the fact that tens of thousands of hard-working citizens are losing their homes due to the cost of exploding property taxes to fund the government run public education system. Yes, if you are sending you children to the public school system you are in fact participating in the process of kicking hard working people out of their homes. This is a reflection of the public education system in America that no one wants to see or acknowledge. The facts speak for themselves, and the public record proves it. Young people, elderly, retired and widowed citizens are losing their homes everyday in this country to keep the broken public education system afloat and provide jobs for those employed by the government run education system in this nation.

The Impact of Socialist Ideology and Indoctrination

Children attending the public school system today are exposed to everything imaginable and a lot of the subject matter is in direct conflict with the beliefs of many parents. This is especially true for those parents who are of the Christian, Jewish or the

Catholic Faiths. The public school system is paved with the landmines of evil, perversion, predators and in recent decades a target for those who desire to take the lives of innocent people. Children are being taught how to become dependent on the government for everything. We are several generations into the realization that the public school system is the factory where millions of individuals are brainwashed by the government to become dependents of BIG government for life. The facts cannot be disputed. The classroom today does not teach and promote how to be self-reliant, motivated and to lead. Instead, children are taught about how they are disadvantaged because of their race, ethnicity, or social ranking, gender identity and etc. It is no wonder that parents and children that have attended the public education system over the past thirty to forty years are in the highest percentile of individuals suffering from anxiety and depression.

No Where to Hide

There is hardly a week that goes by that a story does not come out reporting instances of sexual assault, exploitation, pornography or improper relationships between educators and students in the state of Texas. The number of these instances has been on a steady climb for decades. Whether or not it's one of the problems mentioned above, then there are stories of physical harm and as everyone knows the possibility of even a child losing their life from horrific acts of terrorism. We all know the stories about dozens of children whose lives were taken as well as that of educators. It is another sad reflection of the public education system and society as a whole. Children are at risk everyday and with nowhere to hide in the government run public education system today. Parents must take responsibility and willing to accept the consequences for sending their children to the government run system of education.

The Decline in Ethics and Moral Character

One does not have to try very hard to find examples of the moral decline in this nation. The core character qualities sought by many employers today for prospects of employment are extremely difficult to find among young people graduating from schools across this nation today. Good morals and virtues that were once commonplace are not being taught by many parents or in the public education system today. Classical literature and stories that describe the goodness and reward of being of good character and having high moral standards have all but been totally forgotten. Pop culture and Hollywood appeal has taken over the minds of young people and even their parents for the past several generations. The America of today is nothing like what it was sixty years ago. The influence of leftist ideology and political agendas has led to the degradation and demise of the moral fabric of this country. The remnant of those still living today that desire this nation to be restored to its former glory is shrinking by each passing year.

Students today have been misled by public educators and the government by being promised prosperity and rewards for being derelict in their responsibilities and

duties as good citizens. There is no better example of this than the idea of loan forgiveness for those college students that have taken out student loans to attend colleges and universities. The very idea that a government leader or politician could even conjure up such an idea is another reflection of the decline of this country and its leadership.

The Destruction of the Family Structure

The public education system has been a great positive influence on the lives of those who attended it many decades ago and millions of families have benefitted greatly. As a nation prospers and its wealth increases it is only natural that individuals desire more and want to increase the ways that life can be enjoyed. So how has the government run public education system led to the destruction of the family for millions of citizens living in this nation? This is one of the very dark sides and reflection on the public education system and this nation. When the trend started decades ago for both parents to go to work while the government baby sits their children it started and created the path for millions of families to self-destruct. When both parents began to work so they could chase the American dream the family structure became stressed. It does not take very much effort to trace back to the time the divorce rate started to climb in this country at alarming rates. Marriages started to fail when both mothers and fathers started to work. Infidelity among married couples increased at alarming rates. Children from divorced parents found themselves living in single parent homes and falling back in social status.

The problems from the fallout of this tragedy are still being felt today in this nation. We have multi-generations of families where traditional marriage and family structure has never been experienced. Due to the increasing push from leftist agendas and the onslaught of perverted ideas of the LGBT lifestyles on children in the public classroom, the idea that this nation can ever be restored to the place of being a world leader again is almost laughable. Millions of children today have never lived in what was once considered the normal family unit. A home where mom stayed at home and took care of the home and children while dad went to work to provide for the family and to keep it together. As a child that grew up in a single parent home I speak with a voice of experience and authority on this subject. If receiving an education from the government run education system is more important than keeping a family together, I will sacrifice the government education any day to be able to keep my family together. Everyone must make these decisions for themselves, as husband and wife and as a family.

How to Survive the Future in America

The future of this nation is at a turning point in history none like it has ever seen or been at before. The nation has overcome many challenges during its history such as wars, plagues, economic depressions, and civil unrest. But what this nation is facing

today has never been so dependent on how the citizens of this nation will respond to the challenges the nation faces within its on boundaries as well as world events that are unfolding with each passing day. In order to prevent the complete destruction of this nation both physically and financially the citizens of this nation who care about its future and the future of their families and children must learn how to ignore the voices of those in power today at every level of government. Those individuals that are driven by self-reliance and determination must take control of their lives at every costs. The citizens of this nation can no longer look to Washington DC or to the state houses around this country for answers or help. This nation is long past the days when we had real leadership at the helm of this nation. As everyday passes normal hardworking individuals and citizens are losing ground in the race of life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

One of the most important and key places to start is to free yourself from the teeth of political leaders and public educators. Citizens of this nation must begin the process of taking control of their lives again and start making the very best choices possible regarding their future and the future of their children. There will always be a part of society that will go along to get along and will look for the government for everything they need. But it will be those strong individuals with the will and determination to live a truly free life and stay clear of the government bureaucracy and its cronies in power. Parents that truly want the very best for their children and want them to thrive and succeed will get them out of the fishbowl of the government run system. Parents need to seek out and find the best teachers and mentors and work in unison with them to teach their children how to survive no matter what comes their way in life.

Teaching children what they really need to know in life is not that difficult matter of fact it is quite simple. Parents simply need to provide the basic core curriculum to teach them to read, comprehend and write. Once a child learns how to read and write with proficiency the next and most important step is simply this, **teach your children to teach themselves!** Once a child understands the sky is the limit to what they can learn, and that learning is a lifelong journey they will learn to appreciate learning for the rest of their lives. Learning never stops and the short twelve years that a child attends the public school system is a very short time in one's life. Most of the academic achievement occurs from the very years of formal schooling and training. By the time, a young person is thirteen to fourteen years of age a transition needs to take place. This transition needs to set things in motion to direct them towards what they are naturally gifted at and what they desire to do in life. This transition should also pave the way for them to become independent and motivated to take control of their life and be successful. Parents should make it top priority during these very early years to expose their children to successful people. These people do not have to be necessarily wealthy or rich but should be people that have found out how to be self-reliant, successful and enjoy life.

To close this on a good note. Anyone reading this needs to ask this question of themselves; *what do I want the reflection to look like in a mirror of myself?* Whether you are young and in the early years of life or you are closer to the latter years, everyone has choices to make that will determine who the person is that is looking back at them from the reflection in the mirror of life. If you are like me in your latter years, I want to make every year that God grants me on this earth to make the reflection in the mirror to be one that I am not afraid to look at. And I hope those individuals that I am privileged to know in life will see someone they are not afraid of as well.

“The only thing needed for evil to triumph, is for good men to do nothing”

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