
Subject: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [Deej](#) on Sat, 12 Jan 2008 20:47:32 GMT

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pMcfLYDm2U>

Subject: Arrrrggghhh!!!! I posted the wrong link!!!
Posted by [Deej](#) on Sat, 12 Jan 2008 20:56:51 GMT

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Well crap!!.....I was going to post the link above in another titled thread.
It does have some relevance to the original topic though.

Well..anyway...the link above is pretty fascinating.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 00:51:02 GMT

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Posted by [AlexPlasko](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 01:26:18 GMT
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Posted by [Neil](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 02:03:49 GMT
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Ummm... I entered said school system & singlehandedly brought
the entire bell curve down?

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 04:09:17 GMT
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 06:27:58 GMT

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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 09:29:11 GMT

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"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message [news:4789a15e\\$1@linux...](mailto:news:4789a15e$1@linux...)

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Posted by [rick](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 10:29:53 GMT

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 11:16:51 GMT

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 18:04:59 GMT

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There's more to it than this. Part of it is also the cult of IQ and the

separation of values reasoning and virtue from cognition.

It's all intelligence, it's all cognition.

But because we have been told we want a values-free education and are foolish enough to accept the illusion of detached neutrality, we separate out certain functions of the mind and call them intelligence while dismissing others as "not intelligence" but wisdom, virtue, honor, decency, etc. So we end up with Teddy Roosevelt's famous comment coming true in our lifetimes:

"To educate a man in mind and not in morals is to educate a menace to society."

Today, the very idea of society, as a system of shared values and assumed decencies is seen as laughable by a lot of people, while "intelligence" is

treated by the quasi-educated as silicone is treated by porn stars.

I don't like psychiatry much more than you do Bill (though I think there is a place for it in extreme cases where treatment has prevented suicides and murders) but it is not the source of the culture we live in. It is a symptom not a cause.

I am with you on drugs though. I HATE drugs. I have seen more lives, bands, marriages, and great minds ruined by drugs, (and some of them prescribed drugs), than almost any other single factor.

DC

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since

Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 20:11:34 GMT

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Deej

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [geo](#) on Sun, 13 Jan 2008 22:41:20 GMT

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Wiki (v) Jacob Moreno, the father of psychodrama. Moreno envisioned and advanced with others in the '50, "...a therapeutic society," where human interactions would be guided by psychological imperatives. Bill L's right on.

But the teachers I talked to during fieldwork in the 80's, all said schools went to hell with dresscode demise '64 or so and bussing outside of neighborhood & local accountabilities around '68. (early results)

Much earlier, my mother had been fired as a Milwaukee Public School elementary teacher in 1948, for secretly continuing teaching phonic based reading in class and publicly renouncing whole language as reading instruction. Powerful interests at stake...no dissention tolerated. It is/was deeper than most folks realize.

It was known back in the '50s that the results would not be realized during the proponent's lifetimes. A smart, long, view

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:02:06 GMT
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Posted by [rick](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 09:33:27 GMT

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all the answers lie within but unfortunately those giving the directions have forgotten that.

hate to disagree bill but growing up i don't remember the right from wrong thing being blurred. both my ass and the inability to leave the house did not suffer from non attention. and there sure as hell wasn't anything in my room to do went sent there as there is today.

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Confront it.

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Granted, now I have straight teeth, but still!

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Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 23:35:39 GMT
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Hey Bill,

Passionate feelings are nothing to scoff at. There is plenty of room for criticism of the medical industry as a whole and the drug economy in particular and I agree with some of that criticism.

However, it would be unfair to broadly dismiss psychiatrists and psychologists as "evil." That would be absurd. It would be more fair to recognize that, while not perfect practitioners of perfectly understood science, they have dedicated years of study to be able to help people as best we know right now. And right now that includes therapy, drugs or both, for people who are struggling with mental illness.

Our current knowledge of mental health issues is, it seems to me, pretty young. We have much to learn. But attacking or scapegoating the doctors is not the way to improve things.

I've never had crystal meth so I can't appreciate your analogy there. But I'm not a fan of drug therapy unless there is no other effective avenue of treatment. Even then, much drug therapy is still at a "black box" stage where the usage is experimental, the results unspecific, and the side effects risky. The brain itself is also not well understood.

And yet I have seen psych drugs have an overall positive effect in the lives of people I know, and offer an avenue of hope. Continued research is important.

So I will respectfully disagree with your overall conclusion and characterization, while agreeing in various extents with some of your points.

Thanks for the appreciation of the humor, it really was a nightmare going to the orthodontist! :^)

Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

Bill L wrote:

> Jamie,
> As you can tell I feel strongly about this subject, but I do also
> appreciate your humor about it.

>
> Indulge me in this and ask yourself this question: Could or would I
> prescribe a drug as powerful as crystal meth to a 12 year old boy to
> make him more tractable in school?
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> Jamie K wrote:
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>> Kids have little choice when adults conspire to do EVIL. For example,
>> I was subjected to the EVILS of orthodontics! Hauled into a small room
>> against my will and tortured with small instruments wielded by
>> sadists. Cleverly painful devices were attached to my teeth and wires
>> were tightened periodically to keep my teeth in line. Four perfectly
>> good teeth were yanked out during the multi-year program of abuse.
>> Drugs were used, but never enough. Even after all that, my teeth never
>> admitted anything, not even name, rank or serial number.
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>> Granted, now I have straight teeth, but still!
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>> I'm pretty sure the evils of the world can be rightly blamed on
>> orthodontists. Millions of kids were subjected to this, and also some
>> adults. It is NO ACCIDENT and VERY EVIL. :^)
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>> Meanwhile I have observed a few psychologists and psychiatrists
>> helping people straighten out their lives. Not always successfully,
>> there is much yet to learn. Just as we will someday find better ways
>> to straighten teeth. But I have seen good things happen with the help
>> of caring people who seem to be trying to help as best they know how.
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>> drugs still seems to be at a fairly experimental stage, I'll give you
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>> www.JamieKruz.com
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>>> Sarah, It's hard to confront evil. Sometimes evil people smile and
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>>>> psych-iatrists/ologists are not evil aliens from another galaxy . .
>>>> . or ARE they? (dunt dunt duuunnnnn . . .) Psychs . . . Psychlos
>>>> . . . hmmm.
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>>>> I admire that Scientology usually demands specifics and personal
>>>> observation, but when it comes to psychiatry, it's all broad
>>>> generalities. I know a fair number of psychs through my job, and if
>>>> there's an evil conspiracy to ruin humanity, I think someone forgot
>>>> to clue them in. Now, the pharmaceutical companies . . . that's
>>>> another story.
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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Mon, 14 Jan 2008 23:40:53 GMT

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Posted by [chuck duffy](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 01:52:40 GMT

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 02:23:04 GMT
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There is no other answer.

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In a discussion like this it's important to define the terms. In fact "morals" may not be the most suitable word.

"Moral" is derived from the Latin word "moralis" which means "usage, customs". Morals are rules of conduct accepted by a society or group and based on group experience. Morals change with the times and with different societies. For example to a person who works for his living it would be immoral to withhold the name of a person who stole. To a criminal it would be immoral to "rat him out".

The word "ethics" may be a more useful term. Ethics is based on logical thought, rather than customary accepted behavior. What action would be the greatest good.

For example sometimes a lie may be the most ethical way to handle a situation even though morally speaking it would be wrong to lie. George Washington must have had a hard life if he could really not tell a lie.

Anyway, my point is that people should learn to think logically with ethics, rather than just follow a moral code (although a moral code is better than nothing).

Here is a way to make an ethical decision (this comes from the writings of L Ron Hubbard):

Life could be said to be composed of 8 "dynamics" or "urges toward survival" as follows:

First Dynamic is the urge toward survival of self.

Second Dynamic is the urge toward survival through a) sex, and b) children and family

Third Dynamic is the urge toward survival through groups (one's country, school, company, this newsgroup, etc.)

Fourth is the the urge toward survival through mankind

Fifth is the urge toward survival through living things (animals, plants, etc.)

Sixth dynamic is the urge toward survival through the physical world: matter, energy, space, and time

Seventh is the urge toward survival through spirits

Eighth is the urge toward survival through god or infinity

To make an ethical choice just make sure it helps a majority of the 8 dynamics. An optimum survival choice would be one which benefits all dynamics. Optimum survival is toward infinite survival.

Ideally we should teach our children to think with ethics and to make their choices towards optimum survival. This will keep them from being hoodwinked by, for example, a gang's moral code of hating the police and other rival gangs.

Children need to be given tools for rational thought and logic, not fixed ideas and certainly not false data or unethical ideas. Individuality must be fostered, especially in any group activity.

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I think there is common ground. I think our traditions provide us with a set of behaviors we should expect of each other.

Richard Dawkins evidently agrees.

http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/7136682.stm

The truth is, I do not know which morals will be selected, or should be because I believe in a secular, (not secularist!) government and those

choices are the product of a people, not a person.

How would you teach morals in grade school? Should we be doing this?

Well, I think so, and I think there is enough common ground to do so

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This is supposed to be a substitute for content??

How about you? Proud member of the assholes (I'm not a nice guy!)
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You have to be kidding. Man I edit you to spare you some grief...

(grin)

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Which of course is not at all the point.

It's not impossible, and it's not even very difficult. It is, however,
collaborative and you have contributed nothing. As usual.

Is there common ground? Can we agree on some basics?

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>least get some breathing space, is that whatever morals should be taught
>it shouldn't be that Frankfurt School relativism spouted by elite and effete
>east coast Ivy Leaguers like me, which is the status quo. That misrepresents
>both me and the status quo, but that's never stopped you before and it's
>the best argumentative out you had.

Nope. Don't give a damn about your relativism and neither will history. This country is still a democracy, no matter how much that pisses you off, and most people have a clear set of morals. They will contribute where you will not. They will rule. You will not. You will hate them. That will make you feel special about yourself...

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>186,000 miles per second. So what we're really talking about is minimal
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literature.

You forgot Zoroastrianism and your friendly local Buddhist, not to mention your fellow Flying Spaghetti Monster worshipers...

So, It's proven! Nothing can be done!! There can be no morals taught in schools.

And you call this a position?

>So then, if morals and decency are to be taught in public schools, I ask
>this time thrice, who gets to decide what is taught?

Thrice, he said thrice!! Must be educated...

We the People, that's who. I just reject your thesis, out of hand, that is it impossible to find common ground.

>As a delectable carrot to draw out an answer I offer this. If you answer
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>you _my_ opinion. And that is the opinion of someone who attended public
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>in public education, and who attended a private college where I got to compare
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>TCB

It's like asking who gets to elect the government. We do.

Do you see any common ground or not?

DC

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In the case of selecting school standards it is essentially a democracy of the engaged. (that then has to play political football with the unengaged) In other words, the more you get involved the more say you have.

Over the last few years, I have been involved in a couple of local committees

both city and county, and two things have impressed me:

It's actually quite easy to get involved and have your voice heard. (That doesn't mean anyone is listening of course...)

Those people serving in these roles tend to be good folks and not ideologues.

My point? Just as with school Science standards (and I am against the mandated teaching of either creationism or ID) those with a burden on the issue hold the conversation. There WILL be a conversation however, especially on the teaching of virtue to young people. Then, some consensus is formed, that hopefully will not upset either the militant secularists, nor the conservative theists too much (though neither side will get what they really want) and this is presented to the public and made into policy. Then the activists try to get "the bums" who passed this garbage all recalled and the policy nullified. They may succeed. If they do not, the policy stands. The one group that gets well and truly steamrollered are those who think the whole project is impossible.

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great...dumb but sane...is that marketable?

On Mon, 14 Jan 2008 04:38:06 -0800, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com>
wrote:

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at least Jake has parents who care enough to ask if this is really the right or only choice...hats off to you both.

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Well, you still didn't answer my question, so I guess that's that.

As for the charge of pedantry, showy writing, and so forth, I decided a while back that I'll only act stupider than I am when I'm chatting up unlettered pretty girls. If she's a hottie from the 'burbs who had to be smuggled out of Amity High and I want to see her naked, I'll pretend I watch reality TV and don't know John Milton from Milton Friedman. For the rest of the world I write and read the way I like. Some people find they can take advantage of this, that I've hacked a few paths into the jungle that make their own trek a bit easier. Other people decide I'm a pedant. As the Germans say, Es ist mir wurst! It's all sausage to me!

TCB

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:

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>>Now then, here we have the DC rhetorical and debating style at its simplest

>>and purest. Or rather half of it. There's pit bull DC who will argue anything

>>to the bitter end and provoke the other party at every turn. Then there

>is,

>>grandfatherly DC (this one) who speaks in generalities, answers questions

>>with questions, and makes swooping appeals to open discussion and earnest

>>sharing of ideas. Grandfatherly DC shows up in two situations, a) when

DC

>>has provoked the other party into spittle jetting rage ('Now look at

what

>>you're doing, tsk tsk') or b) when he's caught dead to rights. There's

also

>>the convenient chopping up of what other people write to avoid discussing

>>anything he doesn't want to discuss.

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>This is supposed to be a substitute for content??

>

>How about you? Proud member of the assholes (I'm not a nice guy!)

>union? The list pedant, never missing a chance to display his knowledge?

>

>You have to be kidding. Man I edit you to spare you some grief...

>

>(grin)

>

>

>>In any case, you missed a chance to make a good, or at least your best,

>argument

>>here. You said morals, wisdom, and decency need to be taught alongside

'intelligence'

>>and I asked who got to choose the morals to be taught. Of course, that's

>>an almost impossibly difficult question, because at some point someone

is

>>going to object to some of those morals.

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>Which of course is not at all the point.

>

>It's not impossible, and it's not even very difficult. It is, however,

>collaborative and you have contributed nothing. As usual.

>

>Is there common ground? Can we agree on some basics?

>

>
>>What you could have argued, to at
>>least get some breathing space, is that whatever morals should be taught
>>it shouldn't be that Frankfurt School relativism spouted by elite and effete
>>east coast Ivy Leaguers like me, which is the status quo. That misrepresents
>>both me and the status quo, but that's never stopped you before and it's
>>the best argumentative out you had.
>
>
>Nope. Don't give a damn about your relativism and neither will history.
>This country is still a democracy, no matter how much that pisses you
>off, and most people have a clear set of morals. They will contribute
>where you will not. They will rule. You will not. You will hate them.
>That will make you feel special about yourself...
>
>
>>Now then, some parts of a good school curriculum have no moral component.
>>There's not much ethical spin possible when dealing with the laws of thermodynamics
>>or the Pythagorean Theorem. The satanist in Brooklyn, the maddrassah teacher
>>in Peshawar, the Mormon home schooler in Provo, and the radical settler
>on
>>the West Bank would all cheerfully agree that the speed of light is about
>>186,000 miles per second. So what we're really talking about is minimal
>social
>>sciences (barely taught outside of college), history, and languages and
>literature.
>
>You forgot Zoroastrianism and your friendly local Buddhist, not to
>mention your fellow Flying Spaghetti Monster worshipers...
>
>So, It's proven! Nothing can be done!! There can be no morals taught

>in schools.
>
>And you call this a position?
>
>
>>So then, if morals and decency are to be taught in public schools, I ask
>>this time thrice, who gets to decide what is taught?
>
>Thrice, he said thrice!! Must be educated...
>
>We the People, that's who. I just reject your thesis, out of hand,
>that is it impossible to find common ground.
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>
>>As a delectable carrot to draw out an answer I offer this. If you answer

>>that question with any degree of thoughtfulness and thoroughness I will
>give
>>you _my_ opinion. And that is the opinion of someone who attended public
>>schools for twelve years, whose parents both spent their entire working
>lives
>>in public education, and who attended a private college where I got to
compare
>>my education to students who graduated in some of the most elite private
>>and public secondary schools in the world.
>>
>>This isn't a 'conversation' it's a simple question. Of course you don't
>have
>>to answer it, just don't pretend it's something other than what it is.
>>
>>TCB
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>
>It's like asking who gets to elect the government. We do.
>
>Do you see any common ground or not?
>
>
>DC

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Posted by [TCB](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 16:05:33 GMT

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Now this post I have to save. DC name checks Richard Dawkins! That's like me quoting ibn-Qutab or Pat Robertson with a straight face!

This is classic mis-reading of Dawkins, which is unsurprising. Between the two of us 'The God Delusion' has been read twice, both times by me. Dawkins goes to great length in the first chapter of that book to defend against precisely what you're doing. That is, many scientists are 'social Christians,' that is, they go to church to meet their friends and neighbors before settling down to watch the Sunday football game. It's a very English thing, walk down to see the vicar, talk about the rain, see the neighbor's kid growing up. Many scientists (Dawkins singles out Einstein in particular) also make vague statements about the mysteries they have yet to figure out that sound more or less 'spiritual' but are at most crypto-deism.

Dawkins argues that the twice born use both of these things to heave onto scientists attributes like the belief in a personal god and belief in a Christian nation. He finds this especially perplexing for Americans since while the first white Americans were religious nut jobs they were fleeing religious oppression (in England) and went out of their way to take religion out of

control of the state.

So, Don, you're doing just what Dawkins says shouldn't be done. He says 'I like singing Christmas carols' and you take that to mean 'I believe in a common set of Christian values' where in fact he argues extensively, and repeatedly, that Christian values as represented in scripture and the actions of fundamentalist Christians are anathema to him.

So, Richard Dawkins vehemently disagrees.

TCB

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

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>I think there is common ground. I think our traditions provide us with
>a set of behaviors we should expect of each other.

>

>Richard Dawkins evidently agrees.

>

>http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/uk_news/politics/7136682.stm

>

>The truth is, I do not know which morals will be selected, or should be
>because I believe in a secular, (not secularist!) government and those
>choices are the product of a people, not a person.

>

>How would you teach morals in grade school? Should we be doing this?

>

>Well, I think so, and I think there is enough common ground to do so

>

>agree?

>

>DC

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>"chuck duffy" <c@c.com> wrote:

>>

>>Obfuscate all you want, you're digging a hole and hanging curtains. There's
>>no conversation here, just you being mysterious and vague.

>>

>>Chuck

>>

>>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:

>>>

>>>Those who engage the conversation, will pick the things that will
>>>be taught.

>>>

>>>There is no other answer.

>>>

>>>There may still be common ground enough for a set of virtues to

>>>be agreed upon. I certainly hope so. But, nothing I think will establish
>>>who
>>>does the choosing, and no matter what I say, I will be wrong because it
>>>is a conversation, not an opinion poll.
>>>
>>>Right now, millions are opting out of public education because of this
>>>very issue. Christians, Muslims, Scientologists, Jews, all have their
>own
>>>school systems for this very reason, and now the public school teachers
>>>must often try to teach in a war zone because young people are raised

>>>without morals and parents so often. Many people think it is time for
>>>moral education to re enter public schools.
>>>
>>>Which set of morals?
>>>
>>>Ours. We decide. Those who participate, that is.
>>>
>>>But mark my words, the conversation will occur with or without us.
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>>>DC
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>>>>Don,
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>>>>Thad asked a question, and you did your typical turn it on the asker,
>instead
>>>>of just answering.
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>>>>Chuck
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>>>>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>"TCB" <nobody@ishere.com> wrote:
>>>>>>So, again, who picks the morals to be taught?
>>>>>>
>>>>>>TCB
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>Simple enough. Those involved in the conversation.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Do you have something to offer? Because I can assure you, the
>>>>>>conversation is not going away.
>>>>>>
>>>>>>Would you derive morals from Hobbes' natural law reasoning?
>>>>>>Social contract theory? Natural selection?
>>>>>>

I rejected your premise, which you finally divulged, that it is impossible to find common ground. I showed you where common ground is found by people every day, and I described the process by which Americans choose school goals and curricula. The answer is we get to choose, and will do so.

You didn't like the answer. Oh well...

DC

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 17:40:11 GMT

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Gantt,

I too want to praise you and your wife's wonderful dedication to your son and his future. He's a lucky guy.

DC

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [Gantt Kushner](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 20:02:13 GMT

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I've been reading a bit about The Sudbury Valley School. It's interesting stuff:

<http://books.google.com/books?id=es2nOuZE0rAC&dq=daniel+greenberg+sudberry+valley&pg=PP1&ots=TkGUQdxgDF&sig=KLBWjwcLwbKThsuAWg8rjLi5z4c&hl=en&prev=http://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en-us&q=daniel+greenberg+sudberry+valley&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8&sa=X&oi=print&ct=title&cad=one-book-with-thumbnail# PPA2,M1>

I'm sure some of you will have opinions!

Gantt

"Gantt Kushner" <ganttmann@comcast.net> wrote:

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>This has been an interesting thread for me. We just took Jacob, our 10 year

>old son, out of an expensive private school that we couldn't afford because
>he has a multitude of "learning disorders" that they weren't equipped to
>deal with. Our final decision (for now, at least) is to home school him
>(and possibly his little sister depending on how the financial aide negotiations
>go) but we did investigate our local public elementary school. We met with
>the principle who, upon hearing about Jake's LD issues, asked "well, is
he
>on medication?". We explained about both his biological parents being alcoholic/drug
>addicts and our trepidation about putting a kid with such a high genetic
>predisposition for addiction on highly addictive drugs such as Ritalin (which
>we just thought was bad speed back in the day) or Adderall (which is just
>another name for Dexidrine, which was GOOD speed back in the day). Her
response
>was to look at my wife and say "Well, you don't leave home without your
glasses,
>do you?". Sorry. Wrong answer for us. I should also mention that this
>school is a double magnet school with high enough average test scores to
>qualify for two "resource" (special ed) teachers. For over 400 kids. Plus,
>the expensive testing that we had done to prove his special needs weren't
>isn't good enough for Montgomery County. If his teacher decides that he
>has problems they'll have the county people test him. Which means that
he
>has to fail twice to get help - once in his old school and again in his
new
>school.
>
>Anyway. I suppose I got off the topic! I must have needed to vent.
>
>Gantt
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>
>>>>> and wrong, logical and illogical, smart and stupid being blurred it
>is

>>>> no accident. Look to the only group who has for over 50 years had that
>
>>>> as their stated aim: psychiatry and psychology.
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>>>> We can fix our schools but we must first recognize the source of the
>
>>>> problem and erase its influence or it will only get worse. Our children
>
>>>> are our responsibility.
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>>>> rick wrote:
>>>>> yup, a bunch of egotistical numbnuts. it astounds me the level of
>non
>>>>> educated college graduates we're churning out...with pride.
>>>>>
>>>>>
>>>>> On Sun, 13 Jan 2008 01:29:11 -0800, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com>
>>>>> wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>> I think you got it, Don. Psychologists pretending to know something
>
>>>>>> decided that discipline and competition were harmful to children's

>>>>>> mental health.
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>>>>>> "DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:4789a15e\$1@linux...
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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 20:31:41 GMT
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OK!! OK!!!...I was just sayin' ;o), and actually I do agree with this (your)
post.

"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote:
>

>In the case of selecting school standards it is essentially a democracy
>of the engaged. (that then has to play political football with the
>unengaged) In other words, the more you get involved the more say
>you have.
>
>Over the last few years, I have been involved in a couple of local committees
>both city and county, and two things have impressed me:
>
>It's actually quite easy to get involved and have your voice heard. (That
>
>doesn't mean anyone is listening of course...)
>
>Those people serving in these roles tend to be good folks and not
>ideologues.
>
>My point? Just as with school Science standards (and I am against the

>mandated teaching of either creationism or ID) those with a burden on
>the issue hold the conversation. There WILL be a conversation however,
>especially on the teaching of virtue to young people. Then, some
>consensus is formed, that hopefully will not upset either the militant
>secularists, nor the conservative theists too much (though neither
>side will get what they really want) and this is presented to the public
>and made into policy. Then the activists try to get "the bums" who
>passed this garbage all recalled and the policy nullified. They may succeed.
>If they do not, the policy stands. The one group that gets well and truly
>steamrollered are those who think the whole project is impossible.
>
>It's not. Consensus is achievable.
>
>And anyone who doesn't think that we have a real problem in
>our public schools is in deep denial.
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>DC
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>"Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote:
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>>>This country is still a democracy, no matter how much that pisses you
>>>off,
>>
>>errrrr.....just one small point. This country is not a democracy and
>>never has been. It is a representative republic with a bicameral legislature
>>which was specifically created to protect minority rights from the tyranny
>>majority rule, which is the essence of the definition of democracy. In
this

>>country, we do employ a democratic "method" wherein the those who are legally
>>entitled to vote (the electorate) choose legislators who are, in turn,
subject
>>to the rules as set out in the constitution and interpreted by the courts.
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>>Just a small point.....but perhaps important to some degree.
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>>;o)
>>
>>OK..now I'm gonna put on my flame suit and cover up.
>>
>>
>

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing sincethe 70's.
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 21:47:53 GMT
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Sarah, In the '50s Hubbard approached psychiatrists and the APA to offer them the techniques he had developed in Dianetics. He presented a decade of clinical work and thousands of documented cases of dramatic improvement and cures of people's mental aberrations. He was roundly rejected. It wasn't just professional jealousy, they simply did not want to know about cures or the betterment of man. Psychiatry has been trying to suppress Scientology and Dianetics ever since. It did not take Hubbard long to see where they were really coming from.

He wrote the book Dianetics and it has been a runaway best seller with the public ever since. People want help, but psychiatry does not really want to help them. They have used prefrontal lobotomy, insulin and electric shock and mind-numbing drugs to subdue people, but no one gets much better - they just get quieter and more apathetic. No one comes out of a psychiatric session feeling like a million bucks, that's for sure.

On the other hand I come out of Scientology counseling sessions feeling truly fantastic all the time. I sure wish everybody could feel that way.

By the way, it was you who named psychiatry as the cause of the decline in the school systems.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Tue, 15 Jan 2008 21:51:14 GMT

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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [Tom](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 04:45:29 GMT

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No, i'm not Tom Cruise - i'm just posting anonymously because
I'm afraid of the Scientology death squads coming to get me
since i'm disagreeing with Bill.

Tom (or not Tom)

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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [Sarah](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 06:37:36 GMT
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Hey, let's go on People's Court! You could sue me for mental anguish and the price of a new keyboard.

'Course it's ten minutes to Wapner,

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"Deej" <noway@jose.net> wrote in message news:478da4a6\$1@linux...

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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 07:31:02 GMT

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Posted by [Deej \[5\]](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 07:48:43 GMT

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Not cool.

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [Tom](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 08:20:12 GMT

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Hopefully they can't get my ISP info from these posts, otherwise i'm screwed.

Tom (Cruise/not Cruise)

>Not cool.

It's cool, really. Someone's got to do it.

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [Bill L](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 14:49:20 GMT

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Here's an interesting video about psychiatry:
http://www.associatedcontent.com/video/976/psychiatry_no_sci_ence_no_cures.html

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Posted by [dc\[3\]](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 17:42:45 GMT
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He handles it well.

DC

Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since
Posted by [Jamie K](#) on Wed, 16 Jan 2008 17:46:43 GMT
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Cheers,
-Jamie
www.JamieKrutz.com

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Posted by [Sarah](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2008 09:22:13 GMT
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So there. Don't be paranoid.

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Posted by [Bill L](#) on Thu, 17 Jan 2008 21:28:30 GMT
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Hey, thanks for the backup y'all. I actually have not even read the posts you were replying to. I've been swamped with work, and frankly, when I saw that they were written by Tom Cruise and John Travolta, I already knew what they wrote 'cause I saw them last night at the death squad meeting.

Anywho, did anyone watch this vid? It's a hoot.
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Subject: Re: Let's face it, US public schools system has been failing since the 70's.
Posted by [JeffH](#) on Fri, 18 Jan 2008 21:40:29 GMT
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Gantt,

We've been on the same path with our son for three years now. His LD issues stem from brain damage due to chemotherapy at the age of 2. The school system and the medical community basically said "get him on drugs" and "sign him up for a group home. Oversimplified, but accurate.

He has now been home schooled for three years. He has defied the responses we received when we tried to get him help in the public system. A few areas:

The school said he'd never be able to accomplish math longhand ...use a calculator. He is now adding and subtracting to the thousands. He has most of his multiplication fact down through ten.

The school he would never be able to write legibly. He is doing so in both block lettering and cursive.

The school was unsure if he'd be able to read at all. He is now reading books close to grade level. His reading vocabulary is definitely beyond his comprehension vocab, but that gives us something to work on!

It takes time and sacrifice, but the results have been beyond expectation in our case. Our greatest challenge is still working on interpersonal growth with peers, as it is an area of disability as well combined with the lack of a classroom environment.

Be encouraged Gantt.

Jeff

> This has been an interesting thread for me. We just took Jacob, our 10 year
> old son, out of an expensive private school that we couldn't afford because
> he has a multitude of "learning disorders" that they weren't equipped to
> deal with. Our final decision (for now, at least) is to home school him
> (and possibly his little sister depending on how the financial aide negotiations
> go) but we did investigate our local public elementary school. We met with
> the principle who, upon hearing about Jake's LD issues, asked "well, is he
> on medication?". We explained about both his biological parents being alcoholic/drug
> addicts and our trepidation about putting a kid with such a high genetic
> predisposition for addiction on highly addictive drugs such as Ritalin (which
> we just thought was bad speed back in the day) or Adderall (which is just
> another name for Dexidrine, which was GOOD speed back in the day). Her response
> was to look at my wife and say "Well, you don't leave home without your glasses,
> do you?". Sorry. Wrong answer for us. I should also mention that this
> school is a double magnet school with high enough average test scores to
> qualify for two "resource" (special ed) teachers. For over 400 kids. Plus,
> the expensive testing that we had done to prove his special needs weren't
> isn't good enough for Montgomery County. If his teacher decides that he
> has problems they'll have the county people test him. Which means that he
> has to fail twice to get help - once in his old school and again in his new
> school.

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> Anyway. I suppose I got off the topic! I must have needed to vent.

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> Gantt

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> "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com> wrote:

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>>Bill,

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>> I have no trouble "confronting" evil or anything else you want me to
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>
>>confront. I just don't like broad generalities, and you shouldn't either,
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>>since dealing in broad generalities is a characteristic Mr Hubbard has
>>assigned to the antisocial personality.
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>> I think it works like this:
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>> 1. Drug companies make drugs. Sometimes they even make up diseases to
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>
>>market the drugs. (Restless leg syndrome? Please . . .) Sometimes they
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>
>>even neglect to inform us about the risks and side effects.
>> 2. People have aches, pains, and problems. They want relief, and if
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>>they can get it from a pill, all the better. Much less work that way.
>> 3. Doctors are under pressure to fix people's aches, pains, and
>>problems, and if they can do it with a pill, all the better. Much less
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> work
>
>>that way.
>>
>> See? It's a perfect kinky three-way relationship. No conspiracy, just
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>>people being their usual crazy selves.
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>> But if you're going to have this be a big conspiracy, you better include
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>>the parents and teachers in on it. No one is forcing parents to drug their
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>>kids. I had a problem child, and I didn't drug him. The school wanted
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> us
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>>to, and we said, "NO!" Children are all individual people who learn in
>>different ways and at different rates, and I'm not going to drug him just
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>>because they can't figure how to teach him.
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>> Some shrinks drug their patients, others don't. I'm not buying the
>
> big
>
>>faceless EVIL. It's just the pharmaceutical-medical-patient triangle at
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>
>>work.
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>> Many years ago, the American Psychiatric Association rejected and
>>criticized Dianetics/Scientology, and ever since then the Church of
>>Scientology has been following L. Ron's policy to attack the attackers,
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>>rather than defend the Church. The entire profession of psychiatry became
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>>"fair game." Is it possible that, as a loyal member of the COS, this
>>decades old conflict is an element of your passionate feelings about psychs?
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>>Can you confront that possibility?
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>> I agree philosophically about the use of psychiatric drugs on children
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>>(and adults for that matter), but broad generalities are just not at all
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>
>>persuasive or helpful.
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>>Peace,
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>>Sarah(tonin re-uptake inhibitor)
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>>
>>"Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message news:478b7089@linux...
>>
>>>Sarah, It's hard to confront evil. Sometimes evil people smile and laugh
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>
>>>and seem like,they are your friend. But truly evil actions are not done
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> by
>

>>>accident. Can you think of any word other than "evil" for drugging 8
>>>million helpless and innocent children with a harmful and very powerful
>
>
>>>narcotic? It is NO ACCIDENT and it is VERY EVIL.
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>>>Confront it.
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>>>Sarah wrote:
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>>>>Now, settle down, Bill . . . don't go all Tom Cruise on us. "Battlefield
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>
>>>>Earth" was just a book and a movie . . . the psych-iatrists/ologists
>
> are
>
>>>>not evil aliens from another galaxy . . . or ARE they? (dunt dunt
>>>>duuunnnnn . . .) Psychs . . . Psychlos . . . hmmm.
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>>>>I admire that Scientology usually demands specifics and personal
>>>>observation, but when it comes to psychiatry, it's all broad
>>>>generalities. I know a fair number of psychs through my job, and if
>>>>there's an evil conspiracy to ruin humanity, I think someone forgot to
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>
>>>>clue them in. Now, the pharmaceutical companies . . . that's another
>
>
>>>>story.
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>>>>But thanks for the nice compliment. I should tell you, though, that
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> I'm
>
>>>>not particularly young, and the fact that I can count spilled toothpicks
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>
>>>>at a glance doesn't make me bright.
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>>>>I'm an excellent driver.
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>>>>"Bill L" <bill@billlorentzen.com> wrote in message
>>>>news:478a535f\$1@linux...
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>>>>Well done, class! Your answers are all correct, but as usual our bright
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>
>>>>young lady is most astute. In the '60s psychiatry started a campaign
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> to
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>>>>influence the schools and school systems and the teaching colleges in
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> a
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>>>>big way.
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>>>>In the '50s at an annual convention, the head of American Psychiatric
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>>>>Association publicly declared their new goal of creating a "Value
>>>>Neutral Society". Their aim was to blur and eradicate the distinction
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>>>>between right and wrong.
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>>>>They knew that the sure way to change society was by influencing the
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>>>>children. Psychiatrists have gradually introduced to our schools the
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>>>>mass drugging of children and even infants (approximately 8 million
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> on
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>>>>Ritalin type drugs), Outcome Based Education (doesn't matter how much
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> or
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>>>>how well children learn, just that they felt good about it) and the
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> rest
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>>>>of their psychobabble notions of how people should think and behave.
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>>>>Who was the most influential proponent of the "drug culture"? Not
>>>>coincidentally, a psychologist and college professor, Dr. Timothy Leary.
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>>>>When you hear someone derided for being "judgmental", that is the
>>>>influence of psychiatric double speak. Smart, ethical people used to
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> be
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>>>>>regarded as showing "good judgment", but now that positive attribute
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> of
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>>>>>being able to rightly judge people and situations has been slyly skewed
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>>>>>into a bad thing. I'm sure you have noticed other examples of how
>>>>>illogical psychiatric concepts have replaced good reasoning.
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>>>>>When you look around our society and see the delineation between right
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>
>>>>>and wrong, logical and illogical, smart and stupid being blurred it
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> is
>
>>>>>no accident. Look to the only group who has for over 50 years had that
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>>>>>as their stated aim: psychiatry and psychology.
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>>>>>We can fix our schools but we must first recognize the source of the
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>
>>>>>problem and erase its influence or it will only get worse. Our children
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>
>>>>>are our responsibility.
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>>>>>
>>>>>rick wrote:
>>>>>
>>>>>>yup, a bunch of egotistical numbnuts. it astounds me the level of
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> non
>
>>>>>>educated college graduates we're churning out...with pride.
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>>>>>>
>>>>>>>On Sun, 13 Jan 2008 01:29:11 -0800, "Sarah" <sarahjane@sarahtonin.com>
>>>>>>>wrote:
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>>>>>>>>I think you got it, Don. Psychologists pretending to know something
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>>>>>>decided that discipline and competition were harmful to children's
>>>>>>mental health.
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>>>>>>"DC" <dc@spammersinhell.com> wrote in message news:4789a15e\$1@linux...
>>>>>>
>>>>>>>Self esteem replaced achievement.
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