



# We Don't Need No Education

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In 1979 Pink Floyd released one of their most famous albums called The Wall. One of the great lines in the music is, “We don’t need no education.” I think that prophesied what is happening in our schools today. It doesn’t take a lot to look at student’s inabilities to read and write especially in our larger cities. And while they can’t read or write, we teach them that they should be political activists and skip school to join protests. That is not getting an education. That is indoctrination not education. They have to ask, who is responsible for our kids not knowing the basic skills that they need to survive in our society. The answer is very clearly, those who teach and those who support teachers. Now this is not everywhere. In some areas kids come out ready to learn. But if you look at our big cities, this is just the truth. The teachers’ unions were very important when they were formed. They fought for better pay and smaller class sizes, and this led to some major improvements in the education of our children. Then the unions concentrated on politics rather than education. They took sides supporting radical social issues and taught that to our children. They teach how we should divide and why we should hate our country and our fellow Americans. Look up at the heads of the UFT and the NEA and see their politics. That said, should public unions be allowed to contribute to political campaigns? Some may say it’s free speech. However, when you buy your bosses so to speak, it leads to a lack of accountability. After all, which politician wants to give up the campaign dollars that the educational unions provide.

In New York Schools they eliminated Regents exams which were a good measure of the kids learning. You have to ask, what is the point? Today we have kids going to colleges who need remedial courses. Many colleges have eliminated SAT and ACTs. High school grades are inflated and therefore you don’t know who can read, who can write and who can do math. There are majors which are meaningless and do not prepare them for the outside world and how to earn a living. That’s the tragedy of our times. The phrase “we don’t need no education” is the fact that student’s graduate college and it’s not enough to be successful.

The lack of accountability by standardized testing is another result of modern “education theory.” Children should only go to school if they can read and write and do basic math. Without that, we are educating a generation of kids who will only be able to make money by doing menial labor or not make money at all and turn to crime to make ends meet. No employer is going to hire them. And what about teaching basic civic values. Many of the politicians who want to change our society didn’t even grow up in the United States and have no concept of American history and therefore want to change to educational systems which they think are better and have failed in other parts of the world.

Our kids are coming out without the basic education in economics and American History and World History to combat these ideas and instead are brainwashed by the internet and get their information from Tik Tok, Reddit and the like. I’ll have more to say about that later. In the meantime, the Department of Education has been totally worthless in creating standardized curriculum that leads to improvements in reading, writing and arithmetic. Maybe federal grants should focus on successful school systems. This way, perhaps politicians would force changes within their schools to lead to improvement and success rates. So, Pink Floyd in 1979 got it right and predicted what is going to happen in large parts of society especially in our big cities where the conclusion seems to be, we don’t need no education.