I. Education: The “Great Unequalizer”

A. Inequality is the law of the land: Rodriguez v San Antonio

B. Inequality and funding

1. per student +24%-70%

2. per class (NYC/25) +$200,000

3. per states funding (CA 47th)

C. Inequality in resources/staffing

1. teachers

a. salaries

b. credentials

c. specialties

d. dumping

2. resources: textbooks, computers, supplies (toilet paper!)

3. safety: $100+ billion to fix 20,000 public schools

4. large classes/large schools

5. less health care

6. less counseling

7. less extracurricular activities

8. AP classes are not AP classes

D. Inequality and Race

1. minorities: disproportionately attend under funded/under resourced schools

2. + 2/3 B and L in schools predominantly minority

3. 1/3 goes to schools 90% minority

E. CA budget “crisis” and school funding:

1. $17 billion in cuts

2. 20,000 teachers, nurses, school librarians and counselors fired

3. art, music and vocational programs eliminated

F. Inequality as “Success” for the “plutocracy”

1. drop outs for McJobs

2. uneducated citizenry

3. inmates: criminal industrial complex

4. “illiteracy”

a. 40%

b. 1/3 high school students never read book post hs

c. 42% of college graduates never read a book post college

d. 2007 80% did not buy or read a book

G. Losing Teachers

1. $60,000 to get credential

2. avg teacher $1500 of own money

3. 50% of teachers quit in 5 years

4. average salary

<http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/mon-february-28-2011/crisis-in-dairyland---angry-curds>