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### Leave the Work at School & Not At Home

In recent discussions of 'is homework bringing more harm than benefits', a controversial issue has been whether students are actually benefiting from homework or is it just something teachers are giving to them because they can. Denise Pope draws attention to this issue in their article "Does Homework Work When Kids Are Learning All Day At Home?". On the one hand, some argue that that homework helps students get the concepts more with the practice that homework brings. From this perspective, I can see how homework, in theory, can help students gain the concept to a point. On the other hand, however, others argue that homework gives too much to kids and in the end, makes them more tired and their mental health decreases. According to this view, people believe that decreasing the amount of homework that students have will help them not only perform better academically, but also their mental health will be in a better state. In sum then, the issue is whether homework helps students have a better understanding of concepts or if homework is destroying kids' mental health. My own view is that homework is beneficial to helping kids learn more on the concepts, but the amount of homework should be lessened to help students with keeping a normal life outside of school as well.

Homework, on one hand, is a great thing that helps to understand the topic that is being taught, yet what makes homework harmful to students is the amount that they are given. The average student at school is learning for 7 hours of the day, after that they have after-school sports, clubs, hobbies, and other things that make students not just walking zombies to knowledge. When teachers give students homework because they can and not for the learning/greater understanding of the topic, students start to feel like they are wasting their time on homework that takes too long rather than doing something that will benefit them more in this time that the homework is spent on. This homework makes the student feel "they are likely to be stressed, regardless of the amount of assigned work"(Pope). This decreases students mental health and that leads to lack of performance in school. "Right now in your life, what, if anything, causes you the most stress?" One of the most common responses was one word: "Homework." (Pope) shows us that homework is a huge cause of stress for students.

I have had these experiences happen multiple times, trying to balance school, tennis, making videos, and trying to start a company up. Homework is the main priority of course, but with everything else, it's hard to accomplish everything. With this into consideration, teachers need to realize that students have a lot on their plates, so if we lessen the amount of homework that is given and the homework that is given is meant to have us learn then the issue with students and homework can be solved to an extent.

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