

# Education

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Debate *for* All



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# Purpose of Education

- Skills
- Succeeding within the system
- Preparing us for the “Real World”
  - Miniatures; toys, student council
- Becoming “good” people
  - Can give arguments both for and against

## WEIGHING:

Skills vs. succeeding within the system

THBT standardised testing does more good than harm

THW abolish single sex schools

# Classic Clashes in Education Debates

- What's more important: skills//success
- Protecting the child in the immediate term vs. maximising their growth in the long term
  - THW Ban Single Sex Schools
  - THS Academic Streaming in Primary and Secondary Schools
  - THS the Creation of LGBTQ+ Only Schools
- How do we win these clashes?
  - WEIGHING :

# Breaking out of our elite bubble



# Challenges

Over half of young black men who attend urban high schools do not graduate

- Internal issues
  - Lack of resources; overcrowding
- External issues
  - The huge pressures that exist on students from lower incomes backgrounds;
  - A failure on the part of schools to connect to them

South Africa and other post-colonial states

Why?

- Who has a say in these schools

# How parents interact with education

THBT governments should actively combat gentrification

E.g. - THW make additional welfare conditional on children's academic performance

- Teaching socially progressive material in school
  - E.g. - THW make sex education in schools in conservative areas a mandatory subject
- Religious schools
  - E.g. - THBT 'laïcité' has done more good than harm
  - Madrassas and language schools
  - Let's talk about religious extremism
    - Much more common in the children of religious extremists

# Inequality

- Private vs Public schooling
- **Zoning laws**
- Legacy admissions
  
- The impact that parents' education background and class has on children's academic success
  - Early childhood,
  - Academic support in school,
  - Extra-curricular activities and help,
  - Work experience
  
- Core clash: THW impose quotas in schools for racial minorities; THW require children from private schools to get higher baseline grades in order to enter university



# The Social Role of Schools

- Socialisation
- Schools as childcare services in low-income neighbourhoods; Michelle Obama
- Special Needs

## 1. Education and development

- a. Necessary but not sufficient
- b. Brazil - bolsa familia. Lula da Silva

## 2. Governments and education

- a. Education systems in democracies vs autocracies,
- b. When have schools been a tool for political control?
  - i. Libya and nationalism

# Let's Practice

- THW Ban Private Schools
- PROP
  - SQ incredible inequality; we fix that
  - When we ban private schools, standard and quality of education goes up
  - More socialisation means more exposure...
    - Rich kids are less horrible
    - Less classism
- OPP
  - All you get is stratification of quality of schooling among public schools
    - Schooling gets way worse for the worst off
  - Fewer qualified professionals choose to go into teaching
  - Overall quality of education decreases