IDEA 9 School disaffection is a global issue, not just in Indianapolis, IN

Educator Clive Harber of Birmingham, England writes in "Perpetuating Disaffection" that disaffection with school is global.

Globally, to many educators, disaffection is due to the personal choices and the cultural values of students whose families they say do not value education and do not know how to discipline their children. These students are too dangerous to have in schools. Their disruption of others and disrespect for authority have effectively denied themselves the right to an education.

Researchers published in global journals like the International Journal of School Disaffection (IJSD) http://ingentaconnect.com/content/ioep/ijsd advance the theory that disaffection has multiple sources beyond that of individual student psychology and community/family background. They blame the institution, structure, logics and culture of schooling itself: schools need to adapt to accommodate the needs of young people, recognizing/valuing their existing skills/qualities, rather than young people having to conform to conservative school cultures.

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