

IDEA Too much school, too little education: Why school is the enemy to urban students...and what to do about it

It will be beneficial to *OpportunINDY* and Marion County schools to appreciate and act upon the conceptual distinction between schooling and education. *Schooling implies a tie to the social order and nation-state*. Schooling is a process intended to maintain the *status quo*. In America, it suggests an educational institution--representing the dominant European-based middle-class culture--that seeks to assimilate urban groups such as the poor and so-called minorities.

Education, on the other hand, *involves learning that transmits the cultural uniqueness of non-dominant these groups to the next generation*. Here institutions of learning transmit from one generation to the next, knowledge of values, esthetics, spiritual beliefs and all other things that give a culture its uniqueness when compared to the dominant culture.

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