

What are the benefits for ensuring every child regardless of race or social economic status receives a quality education which is grounded in academic rigor and prepares them to compete globally?

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Every child has a right to a quality education. An education is a basic human necessity. This necessity provides each of us with the opportunity to think for ourselves. The key is thinking. When you have the ability to think no one can alter what you know is right. No one can alter what you now is real. In a world of fake news being educated is vital. Where would we be as society if it were not for an education? An educated society benefits everyone. When you know better, it is your responsibility to do better, and we are better off as a nation with all of our citizens being educated.

The question we need to ask ourselves is why wouldn't we educate all children? If we choose to educate some and not others we are destined to fail. Failure should not be an option. The success of a nation begins and ends with the growth and development of children. A country that fails children fails themselves. You are only as strong as your greatest weakness. When you look at this great nation that we call America what is our greatest weakness? How we treat each other matters. If I inflict harm on you eventually, you will inflict harm on me. However, if we work together to do what is in the best interest of everyone we all profit.

Providing our children with a holistic rigorous academic education affords them with options. Rarely do uneducated folk have options. Uneducated folk receive leftovers, and if the leftovers have no nutritional value, the likelihood of one being successful is slim. All children have a right to a quality education. A quality education furthers the child's potential, enriches mindset and enhances probability of prosperity.