

## HOW EDUCATION MOLDS A SOCIETY?

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“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela

As education plays a big part in every child’s being, we tend to question what education really means to the world and how it changes one’s life. Nurturing a child means feeding them with crucial survival-life-skills, in order for them to be ready, to play a big part in this society. What role really does education play in the overall development of society?

According to the UN’s Declaration of Principles on Tolerance; “Education is the most effective means of preventing intolerance.” An educated person can better thrive in an environment where they can’t be easily deceived and can recognize their rights. It is hard to manipulate a well-educated and knowledgeable person thanks to their acquired skill in school. This acquired knowledge molds a mind that is critical, unbiased, and can understand social conflicts with judgment relying primarily on facts.

Poverty can cause a butterfly effect on a generation. Lack of education is one of the reasons why communities live in poverty. Without the means of education, a community can’t access the tools they need for the quality of life they have the right to live. Education opens doors for job opportunities that can directly change and create progress in a community. This is also why educated people have high incomes, because of more opportunities handed; since the high level of competence, one already acquired.

Improving the community means progress in the economy. The better the education, the more jobs can be offered. Poor people who are educated themselves have a good possibility of changing their lives and helping to lower the rate of poverty in society. This is a win-win situation that can literally mold a better economy for a country. Education is the fundamental element behind one's own growth. The son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine, the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, and the kid of an agricultural laborer can become the president of a big country through education. (Mandela, N.R. (1994). Long Walk to Freedom. London: Abacus.)

Progress in Modernity. Education drives humanity forward. It creates a linking bridge to understand challenges in society; understanding these societal problems means having to mold people to be creative, critical, and ambitious. This is why, as the world progresses, we humans have to progress also, to adjust and understand what it really means to live in this world.

Education is an extremely powerful tool for changing the world. No one can steal education from a child. It is its weapon to this cruel yet fascinating world with lots of what-ifs and what-nots. Education is the standard survival life skill one can attain to live a happy and prosperous life.

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