

Education is a social good because our society benefits and the individual benefits. Our society benefits from education because we have advancements in technology. Our society benefits with the highly educated political leaders that put laws in place to help us. Usually those with higher education earn more money and are able to purchase better quality foods. They tend to be healthier and have access to trails, vacations, parks, and safe communities.

Education is structurally unjust because of the bias imbedded in organizations and institutions. Some educational institutions are structurally unjust because they continue to allow standardize test scores and traditional letter grades to devalue students. Structural inequality is often reflected in the lack of diversity of the student body. Throughout the years educators were not provided the knowledge to interact with different cultures and how not to offend or misinterpret their traditions. Now we are searching for “culturally competent” educators that are able to educate and not cause trauma to students.

An example of structurally unjust education occurred between 1869 and 1960s when Native or Indigenous children were removed from their family homes so they could be taught to be “civilized.” This horrific attack on Natives unveiled secrets of mass graves, torture, and rape. It also caused many to lose their culture, language and familial ties. This act has long term

Southern States created anti- literacy laws that made it illegal to educate Black Americans. Black Americans were not allowed to read while enslaved. The premise was to keep Black Americans uneducated and ignorant. When allowed to attend school, Black Americans were not provided with new books. Instead, they were given outdated textbooks and often in dilapidated buildings. Many inventions by Blacks have been purposely omitted from history classes. Black women and Black men’s accomplishments have also been overshadowed or omitted by White counterparts. counterparts. It was not easy to some people to learn that Black women and Black men had the capacity do and outperform White counterparts.

For most minorities we have learned that education can provide us with “The American Dream.” Education allows us to move up in society. We are able to buy the house, car, dog and send our children to better schools. Children that live in poverty often remain in poverty. It is hard to elevate in a community when there are no positive role models

This contradiction can be addressed by providing a quality education for all. I would like to provide education that is diverse so each student can see themselves reflected. Each ethnic group has contributed to American History. I also want children learn to appreciate all groups of people. No group is superior or less important than the next group.