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Education Crisis Threatens U.S. Economic Future

The U.S. Is Fielding an Ever-Weakening Team

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Education is Our Social Strength

Every nation aspires to a thriving future, but few achieve it. Economic strength is crucial for prosperity, and in our interconnected world, it's a race for survival. A high-quality, educated workforce directly impacts global competitiveness. Unfortunately, the current state of education in the U.S. is stark and troubling.

Proof That Education Affects Economies

A better-educated country means greater wealth—just look at South Korea. The International Trade Administration named it a leader in technology. How did it get there? It's thanks to a robust education system that prioritized reading and math, which was established post-war. As a result, South Korea transformed itself from one of the world's poorest countries to the world's fifteenth-largest economy per The Research on Improving Systems of Education (RISE) Programme.

Okay, Education is Important. What Are We Doing Wrong?

Consider these shocking facts:

- Approx. **60 million** US citizens cannot read better than a 10-year-old child (PIAAC, 2017).
- **67 million** US millennials (Gen Y) (now 25-40 years old) have the lowest test scores compared to similar age groups in the developed world (Fortune Magazine, Mar. 2015).
- **47%** of high school graduates have an A average, indicating grade inflation and unpreparedness. (Hurwitz & Lee, 2017). FYI, this number should be 5-10%. This is making it harder for your companies to compete.
- In math, the **U.S. ranks 28th out of 37** industrialized countries that participated in the Programme for International Student Assessment (OECD, 2022).
- But did you know there is a US law that says we need to be #1? (Goals 2000: Educate America Act)

After 49 years of stagnant math and reading scores and despite numerous national programs like No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top no programs have worked. The truth is undeniable: **we are failing, and our efforts are falling short.**

Knowing Better = Doing Better

It's time to confront this reality head-on and demand a transformation to restore our competitive edge and secure our future. By understanding the flaws in our public school system, parents can make informed decisions to ensure their child receives the quality education they deserve. Many of these flaws will surface in future essays in this series. You can make a difference by advocating for better schools, exploring alternative education options, or supplementing their learning at home.

Don't let your child be another statistic.

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