The Flaws of the Education System

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Abstract

*The Shame of the Nation* pays tribute to those undefeated educators who persist against the odds, but directly challenges the chilling practices now being forced upon our urban school systems. In their place, Kozol offers a humane, dramatic challenge to our nation to fulfill at last the promise made some fifty years ago to all of our youngest citizens.

Why Does It Matter?

- One student from an unsuccessful school gets to transfer to a school with a lot of opportunities.
- At the same time it has a negative side: the transferring process takes away from his/her learning time.

Education System

- The education system till this day has not changed.
- Students are being treated unequally.

What Is ‘No Child Left Behind’?

- The concept of the program was a meaningless attempt to keep segregated schools while at the same improve them to prevent integration.

Is It Equal Yet?

If a segregated school is as academically advanced as a non-segregated school, is the issue resolved, or is there still an issue to fix?

Under the 2002 law, states are required to test students in reading and math in grades 3–8 and once in high school. All students are expected to meet or exceed state standards in reading and math by 2014.

Noteworthy Quotes

- “And noting the very small amount of money that was being spent to make the program possible, the secretary praised the program for the benefits that it delivered for so few taxpayer dollars.” (Kozol, p. 189)
- "Equal education, not surprisingly, was no more accepted as a plausible objective in that era than it is, in general, today.” (Kozol, p. 212)