

Under the present system of mass education by classes, too much stress is laid on teaching and too little on active learning. The child is not encouraged to discover things on his own powers, thus losing intellectual independence and all capacity to judge for himself. The over-taught child is the father of the newspaper reading, advertisement believing, propaganda swallowing, demagogued man, the man who makes modern democracy the force it is. Moreover lessons in class leave him mainly unoccupied, and therefore bored. He has to be coerced into learning what does not interest him, and the information acquired mechanically and reluctantly by dint of



brute repetition is rapidly forgotten. Quite naturally the child being bored and unoccupied, is also mischievous. A strict external discipline becomes necessary unless there is to be chaos, pandemonium. The child learns to obey not to control himself. He loses moral as well as intellectual independence.

Such are the main defects in the current system of mass education. Many others could be mentioned, but they are defects in detail and can be classified under one or other of the three main categories of defects—sacrifice of the individual to the system, psychologically unsound methods of teaching and irrational methods of imposing discipline. We need a new system of universal education of the same kind as that which has proved itself so successful in the training of defectives and infants but modified so as to be suitable for other boys and girls. We need a system of individual education. (262 words)



# Need of Universal Education System

The contemporary education system has become unproductive and discourages the intellectual abilities of students. An individual is often forced to learn which is not much appealing to him and thus become mentally occupied in useless activities. He forgets to learn self-control and loses moral and intellectual independence. Therefore, sacrifice of the individual to the system, unsound method of teaching, and irrational way of imposing discipline are main defects of the current system. Inventing individual-centric universal education system for all genders of every age is need of hour.

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