

EDU 453 Educational Sociology

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Functions and processes of education

FUNCTIONS OF EDUCATION

- ◆ SOCIALIZATION
- ◆ TRANSMISSION OF CULTURE
- ◆ SOCIAL CONTROL AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT
- ◆ SELECTING, TRAINING, PLACEMENT OF INDIVIDUAL IN SOCIETY
- ◆ CHANGE AND INNOVATIONS

SOCIALIZATION

Q. When do we start to socialize?

Q. what is the function of educational system in socialization?

A. EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

◆ Q. What is the importance of early childhood education?

- Is there any relationship between early childhood education and academic performance?
- Should all children go to pre-school

◆ Favoured:

- Provides valuable learning exp. Not founds in home
- Interaction with other children and adult
- Both parents working
- Good day-care preferred than relatives or neighbours

MEDIA IN SOCIALIZATION

- ◆ Effects of tv watching on behaviour
- ◆ Relationship between tv watching and academic achievement
- ◆ “Distraction hypothesis”: exposure to tv and slow pace of schooling
- ◆ Parental involvement
- ◆ Critical thinking while watching tv?
- ◆ Effects: a. Antisocial behavior and aggressive behaviour
b. newspaper reading decline

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The average child watches 2 – 4 hrs (watch 26 violent acts/hr) resulting in:

- ◆ The aggressor effect – children display what they see
- ◆ The victim effect – identify with the victim
- ◆ The bystander effect – viewer become desensitized

TRANSMISSION OF CULTURE

Issues on poor skills of students, cultural illiteracy, and low standardized test scores.

- ◆ What are factors affecting learning?
- ◆ What culture to pass on?
 - ◆ Functional theory: school as place of transmitting the culture necessary to perform successfully in adult world.
 - ◆ Conflict theory: transmission of culture that serves the capitalist society rather than the individuals.
- ◆ How to pass on the culture?
 - ◆ Teaching techniques, role of critical thinking, “writing-across-the-curriculum,” computers, accountability and assessment, discipline, homework, critical thinking.

SOCIAL CONTROL & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- ◆ Social control : from authoritarian type to humanistic method
- ◆ Discipline as major method
- ◆ 3 major issues:
 - ◆ Violence
 - ◆ Discipline
 - ◆ Gangs in schools

Q. In what situations might authoritarian discipline be most effective?
Humanistic discipline?

SELECTION AND ALLOCATION

How individuals are 'placed' in society, and how society become STRATIFIED.
Testing is used widely for placement in schooling and jobs.

- ◆ The significance of exams in placement and whether they are fair to all students.
- ◆ What is IQ test? EQ test? Which one is more important?
- ◆ To what extent genetic or environmental influence test results?
- ◆ What are we measuring?
- ◆ What is a culturally-free test?
- ◆ Is it fair to rank and classify people on the basis of IQ test?

* Based on your own perception, write down the characteristics of intelligent people.

CHANGE AND INNOVATION

- ◆ Knowledge and possessing technological skill is prime important to advance in society.
- ◆ Knowledge seeker equally important...
 - ◆ Both have direct relationship with better performance
- ◆ Q: Can school provide the technology (computer and internet access)?
- ◆ Q: Are the tools equally distributed to all?
... and just what is the “digital divide”?

HOW CAN EDUCATORS PREPARE STUDENTS FOR THE FUTURE?

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