

## IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION IN SOCIETY

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### **ABSTRACT**

*This article discusses significance of education in society. Education as the process by which people acquire basic knowledge. It is also where people develop vital life skills, understand social norms, develop sound judgment and reasoning, and learn to differentiate right from wrong. In general, education plays a crucial role in all areas of society, and is most responsible for the development of civilization as we know it. When people are educated, they can significantly contribute to their families and society in diverse fields.*

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Over the years, there has been increased emphasis on promoting education for all across the globe. The emphasis is based on the fact that education brings a large volume of benefits to the economy and societies. Thus, it can be argued that Education is an important part of life that contributes positively to the lives of the people. Individuals are deemed incomplete without education: hence increased emphasis on the need for quality education for all. Studies have indicated that education is an important human virtue, it is also a requirement of society, a foundation for a good life as well as an indication of freedom.

Education plays a crucial role in promoting meaningful or purposeful life among the people. It provides individuals with knowledge and skills that they can use to understand their lives and selves thereby promoting meaningful lives. It helps

improve the decision-making process of individuals thereby promoting better and purposeful lives in the long term. Better educated individuals can make rational decisions on the best courses of action to take in their lives thereby leading more meaningful lives than the uneducated. In this regard, it is argued that education enhances the cognitive and decision-making abilities of people in addition to guiding people on how to lead successful and meaningful lives. Thus, it reduces the risk of people indulging in self-destructive behavior by guiding them into leading purposeful lives in the long term. Value-based education empowers and inspires young people to lead meaningful lives that contribute positively to society. It does so by equipping them with skills and knowledge that they can use to make their lives better in the present and the future. In addition to the youths, inclusive education allows women, the disabled, racial minorities, and other vulnerable groups to lead better, empowered, and meaningful lives. It provides them with competencies that facilitate their ability to get jobs and participate equally in society.

Here are some key points highlighting the importance of education:

- Empowerment:** Education empowers individuals by providing them with knowledge and skills needed to have control over their lives. It enables them to make informed decisions and take part in social, economic, and political activities.
- Economic growth:** A well-educated population contributes to a nation's economic growth. Education equips individuals with the skills required to participate in various sectors of the economy effectively, which leads to higher productivity, innovation, and competitiveness.
- Poverty eradication:** Education is a significant tool in the fight against poverty. It helps individuals escape the vicious cycle of poverty by providing them with the necessary knowledge and skills to secure better employment opportunities and earn higher incomes.
- Social cohesion:** Education fosters social harmony and cohesion by promoting understanding, tolerance, and respect for diversity among individuals. It encourages

mutual respect and empathy, thereby reducing conflicts based on race, religion, or ethnicity.

- Health and well-being: Education plays an essential role in improving health outcomes. It helps individuals understand basic hygiene practices, disease prevention, and access to healthcare, leading to healthier lifestyles and reduced healthcare costs for a society.

- Democracy and citizenship: Education is fundamental to the functioning of a democratic society. It empowers citizens with critical thinking skills, civic knowledge, and an understanding of their rights and responsibilities as active participants in democratic processes.

- Personal development: Education promotes personal growth, self-awareness, and the development of essential life skills. It enhances creativity, problem-solving abilities, communication skills, and allows individuals to become self-sufficient and confident.

- Gender equality: Education is a key driver in achieving gender equality. By providing equal educational opportunities for both males and females, education breaks down gender stereotypes, reduces discrimination, and promotes women's empowerment.

Overall, education is a foundational pillar of society as it contributes to the social, economic, meaningful life and cultural development of individuals and the nation as a whole. Thus, governments across the globe need to invest in quality education for all to optimize the available benefits of education. The government will need to collaborate with other stakeholders in the education sector to continuously improve the education system to maximize the overall outcomes for all. Research and development are also important in ensuring continuous improvements of education systems to make them adaptable to the changing future needs of the people.

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