

## ***Updating Education to Reflect a Newer World***

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One significant difference between advances in education and the rest of the world is that in fact most aspects of learning have not changed and adapted to the advancing world. The current era that we are in is one that is constantly changing and even in the last 30 years, so many new technological advancements have happened that the world is almost unrecognizable. We have not properly updated our teaching systems to reflect worldly updates. How can we expect the future generation to continue past work if we do not properly prepare them?

An issue with traditional education is the application to the real world. While it has worked well in the past, the classic subjects taught in school are unlikely going to help children reach their full potential in life. One key example that is show over and over again on the importance of updated education is doing taxes. Around 22% of millennials and Gen Zers don't know how to do taxes, and while it is hard, it seems to be something basic in life, that everyone must do, but is not something taught greatly in schools, if at all.

Sometimes, not even the teaching styles reflect the knowledge needed. Most schools consist of sitting still for hours on end listening to a teacher and doing an assignment. While this can reflect the majority of jobs available, there are still over 40% of all jobs that do not follow the stereotypical office work. In only teaching students how to work one way, and not allow creativity, the outcome might affect the world quite harshly.

The issue at hand really starts with educators, and how we teach. Lessons must be well rounded and be cleverly included to educate new topics. Because of the fast flow of new information, teachers must be able to adapt their lessons quickly following new important events. Not only this, but educators are one of the most important parts of the education systems as we learn through human contacts. Naturally we are drawn to example of other humans, and authority figures are the best role models, especially for young minds. Through teachers we learn not only math and writing, but how to show empathy and express emotions in new ways. Educators can combine both ideas into one and will allow children to have the human contact that isn't always available, or add to the development of the child.

Finally, not only does the world around us change, but so do our minds and the way we think. For example, Gen Z has an easier time memorizing systems and how to reach information, compared to Gen X which better adapts to memorizing solid facts. This should also be thought about when teaching, as it can influence the difficulty of certain tasks.

Overall, education is the basis of everything in today's world, and we need to make sure it meets our needs. Looking at factors such as advances in the world, teaching styles, teachers, and how our minds change and adapt are all really important to solidify the success of students around the world.

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