

The Potential Political Effects of Biased Teaching in Social Studies and History

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Intro/Research Question

How and why could the political opinions of students be affected by the biased teaching of social studies and history teachers?

So What?

Political division is sewn by the lack of diversity of thought

Students are politically vulnerable at a young age

Thesis

Students' diversity of opinion is harmed by biased teaching and objective learning is the most productive way for students to learn and think for themselves.

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE
BETWEEN PREACHING
& TEACHING?

Case Selection

- Examine where political socialization can take place outside the family, like schools (Jensen, Palonsky)
- Survey of over 1200 educators in social sciences, looking for political affiliation (Pritchard)
- Survey of educators seeking definition of what history means to present bias (Yilmaz)

Research Design

Find where
socialization
take place



Show that
biased
teaching is
prevalent



Examine
effects of
biased
teaching

Analysis

- Political socialization can take place in schools
- Educators have an overwhelmingly left wing bias towards politics
- Positives and negatives to biased teaching and objectivity

Conclusion

The benefits of objective learning share the benefits of biased teaching, while adding diversity of thought and independence to students' minds.

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