

Problems of Education System in Turkey

It is certain that schools are the most important places where we can meet new friends, communicate with people, learn the vital facts and ideas and experience events that will be never forgotten. In other words, society without education can have communication problems with each other and can not develop in terms of culture and science. Importance, value and the success of education depend on the education system that the country has. The education system in Turkey has never had a stable order for many years. Authorities and the government have always been trying to change the system in order to solve the problematic situations and make the right choices for the benefit of the future of Turkey. It is highly probable that inequalities and insufficiency of the education system in Turkey and the effects of exam oriented system are the two main problems of education in our country that should be solved in order to overcome the deficiency and improve the facilities.

Schools and the other education foundations in our country have massive quality differences and they are unable to address the needs of the whole country. First of all, as a developing country, in Turkey, there are nonignorable economical inequalities between the citizens. Therefore, this situation is also clearly seen in education. Although Turkey seems to provide free education, money is very deterministic in the quality of education. For example, in a school, wealthy students are likely to be more successful because those from unprivileged backgrounds do not have the same opportunities. While economic cliff between students' families causes that problem, considering the unequal quality between schools, the situation is getting worse. For instance, east part of Turkey is having more problems than the west part of Turkey considering the economy, culture and the life conditions. Secondly, the other factor that contributes to the inequality is the insufficiency of educational infrastructures. Most of the schools in our country have not the sufficient facilities which are laboratories, computers etc. In some parts of Turkey, there are even no roads to schools or schools have no blackboards. This means the dimensions of deficiency of facilities are so massive that some students have no chances to go to school. As a result, insufficiency of facilities prevents some students from getting educated.

The other problem of our education system is that in every step of education for example, from primary schools to high school or from high school to university, there are important exam that are deterministic of students' future. This exam-oriented system has negative effects on students. First of all, students have no free time to improve themselves individually because of the heavy study programs of these big exams. As a result of that, students, who are at the perfect age to improve themselves culturally and socially, become unskilled, uncultured and not socialized. Also, students have no time to read newspaper or watch the news on the TV and they became unaware of daily events. The unfortunate consequence of this situation is that although these students are successful at their lessons, it is not enough to be beneficial person for the country. Successful and beneficial person for Turkey must be improved in terms of culture and human relations. The other effect of the exam-oriented system is that students can be depressed because of the deterministic factor of the important exams. These exams and choices after these exams can determine one's rest of life. Therefore, it is obvious that a teenager will be depressive and stressed while making decision about his or her future.

To sum up, it is clear that there are important problems in the education system of Turkey, which are the inequality of conditions and insufficiency of facilities in Turkey and the negative effects of exam-oriented system. In order to solve these problems, there should be an extra effort and work for the poor schools especially in the east part of Turkey. Considering the importance of the future of Turkey, lack of facilities should be removed with more funds on education. And finally, in order to make the students beneficial for the development of the country, the system should let them improve themselves and become well-educated and open minded people.

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