

Re: OT: Politics [Was:Social Contract]

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On Sunday 30 April 2006 02:33, "Roberto C. Sanchez"
<roberto@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx> was heard to say:

The purpose of public education was to ensure that this could never happen again.

No. The purpose of public education **was** to ensure that the most disadvantaged, who could not afford a private education, could get an education. It has mushroomed into the mess we have now.

Actually, the purpose of coercive public education, according to the people who organized, advocated and then created the program itself, was two-fold:

- 1) To prevent the incoming masses of Catholic immigrants from educating their children in their own faith, and
- 2) To ensure a large mass of relatively un-educated, compliant, obedient workers for the new factory systems.

It's all there to read, Horace Mann didn't bother hiding what he was trying to do.

Even the policy of having bells to change classes every 50 minutes or so was designed specifically to prevent students from being able to fully immerse themselves in any particular subject and learn it well.

That's why the private schools of the elite (who can already afford to pay twice) don't do it that way.

Also, stretching out things like "English" over the course of a decade, instead of the shorter times actually needed to learn a subject, was designed to make the material so dull and tedious that the student would lose their desire to learn it at all.

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September 11th, 2001

The proudest day for gun control and central
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