THE CULTURE OF SCHOOLING

Cultural Influence on Educational Practices and Policies

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The goals of education, the beliefs and values that underlie educational practices, and the policies that govern education are all shaped by cultural influences. These influences can be seen in the ways schools are organized, the curriculum they follow, and the teaching and learning methods that are employed.

Questions Being Explored

- How do cultural differences influence the goals of education and the beliefs and values that underlie educational practices?
- How do cultural influences shape the policies that govern education?
- How do cultural influences affect the ways schools are organized, the curriculum they follow, and the teaching and learning methods that are employed?

What is Cognitive Science?

Cognitive science is the interdisciplinary study of the mind—thinking, learning, understanding, remembering, problem solving, and decision making. It involves the use of methods from the natural sciences and mathematics to study human and nonhuman cognition.

Schools Transmit Culture on a Global Scale

Cultural Transmission and Change

Research is underway in schools and cultural contexts in dozens of countries around the globe.