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Share via Email E. The pedagogy popularised by E. Hirsch , and recently promoted by the likes of Civitas, reduces teaching into nothing more than a bleak transmission model of learning. He argues that all students need a "core knowledge" so they can develop into better citizens. In one of his books, he lists various facts, phrases and historical events that he believes all young Americans should be aware of, including the Founding Fathers and Adirondack Mountains. He developed a structured curriculum to deliver this, which is now being advocated by an increasing number of schools and academies in the UK. It deliberately fails to consider the values and beliefs of any other particular race, class or gender. Moreover, teaching a prescribed "core knowledge" instills a culture of conformity and an insipid, passive absorption of carefully selected knowledge among young people. Schools that adopt this method become nothing more than pipelines producing robotic citizens, perpetuating the vision of a capitalist society and consequently preventing social mobility. Social stagnation through education is epitomised by the recent influx of Teach First practitioners. The narcissistic notion that we can help underprivileged students by providing them with teachers who are privileged young graduates from elite institutions is a mistake. This outlook pays no attention to the backgrounds and identities of the students it intends to save. Rather it continues the problem by trying to inflict the values and beliefs of the dominant social class on others. Working class students and other minority groups need an education that prepares them with the knowledge of identifying the problems and conflicts in their life and the skills to act on that knowledge so they can improve their current situations. Now is the time for our schools to incite a desire in students to challenge the accepted social truths purveyed by media and education. Schools must develop a commitment to civic courage and social responsibility that ignites bravery in young people to realise they have the power and opportunity to challenge the status quo. School leaders have a duty to promote learning that encourage students to question rather than forcing teachers to lead drill-oriented, stimulus-and-response methodologies. Teachers must awaken the passions of their students and teach the knowledge and skills needed to direct and sustain it. Educators must be prepared to embrace a radical pedagogy and believe that each school should be one of freedom that provokes students to fight against the corridors of power and enforce equality for themselves and others. Critical pedagogy is the only way to achieve this. This pedagogy connects classroom learning with the experiences, histories and resources that every student brings to their school. It allows students to understand that with knowledge comes power; the power that can enable young people to do something differently in their moment in time and take positive and constructive action. Education has the power to change social inequality by nurturing a generation with an educated mistrust of everything that has been indoctrinated before. This educational stance is one that we must all strive for as the moral purpose of education. This content is brought to you by Guardian Professional. Looking for your next role? Take a look at Guardian jobs for schools for thousands of the latest teaching, leadership and support jobs.

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The Radical Tradition in Education in Britain a Compilation of Writings by William Godwin, Thomas Paine, Robert Owen, Richard Carlile, Robert Dale Owen, William Thompson, William Lovett, William Morris.

Aimed at students of architecture, this primer defines the critical subject area of professional studies which runs as a thread through the new A former founder of architecture practice AOC, where she led the participation arm for 11 years, she is a Teaching Fellow at The Bartlett School of Architecture, specialising in the history and theory of spatial politics and participatory design. Featured Reviews Prue Chiles, Architect and Professor of Architecture at Newcastle University Radical Pedagogies gives us a timely reminder of just how political an architectural education is, has been in the past and should be in the future. The breadth of critical pedagogical approaches described is a mirror of both the societal and the ethical dilemmas we face in daring to set templates for the future of an architectural profession. I hope this is just the beginning of an important debate on our responsibilities as teachers contributing to the future of the built environment and the people who have to inhabit it. Sally Stone, Principal Lecturer, Manchester School of Architecture Architectural Education in the UK is about to enter what will probably be a turbulent period of substantial change and realignment. The Bologna Agreement combined with a massive increase in fees and a radical change in the expectations of the profession has created an anxiety within the contested area of architectural academia. This compelling and meaningful book charts the processes that have led to this position, discusses the implications of this for the profession before exploring possible methods of and developments for architectural education in the twenty-first century. This important and persuasive book is an important resource for all those engaged or connected with architectural education; from academics, interested students to future employers, all will benefit from the knowledge and understanding that the editors have brought to this erudite collection of deliberations and essays. It will undoubtedly help to shape this vitally important debate in a period of profound uncertainty for both the profession and for its pedagogical underpinning. John Assael, Chairman, Assael Architecture This is an eclectic and inspirational collection of essays; a cornucopia of ideas, critiques, programmes and strategies that perfectly emphasise the diversity of the issues confronting the education and training of architects. A must read for academics, practitioners and everyone else interested in the future of the profession. The first voices of feminist, class, race and environmental critiques from the s and 70s were drowned under the cacophony of post-modern architectural formalism and theory of the last three decades. But there is good news within the pages of this volume. There has just been a temporary detour in the history of progressive architecture. Radical Pedagogies reveals that the social and environmental movements that were once percolating, are now boiling over with fun, invention, exuberance, and the opportunities ahead to turn architecture as a key discipline that will collaborate to address the problems of social equity and environmental sustainability that confront the world today. September Anyone who doesnt know where they sit within the argument about education providing graduates with appropriate skills to enter the working world will do once they have read Radical Pedagogies. Its an intriguing read, hopefully its message will resonate throughout the discipline and beyond. September This is a useful contribution to the debate around the future of British architectural indication reminding us of the context and through this perhaps pointing the way forward. Post a Review You need to be logged in to post a review Your Name:

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The Radical tradition in education in Britain: A compilation of writings by William Godwin, Thomas Paine, Robert Owen, Richard Carlile, Robert Dale.

In 1791, Fox declared for a "radical reform" of the electoral system. This led to a general use of the term to identify all supporting the movement for parliamentary reform. Initially confined to the upper and middle classes, [citation needed] in the early 19th century "popular radicals" brought artisans and the "labouring classes" into widespread agitation [citation needed] in the face of harsh government repression. More respectable [citation needed] "philosophical radicals" followed the utilitarian philosophy of Jeremy Bentham and strongly supported parliamentary reform, but were generally hostile to the arguments and tactics of the "popular radicals". By the middle of the century, parliamentary Radicals joined with others in the Parliament of the United Kingdom to form the Liberal Party, eventually achieving reform of the electoral system. Origins [edit] The Radical movement had its beginnings at a time of tension between the American colonies and Great Britain, with the first Radicals, angry at the state of the House of Commons, drawing on the Leveller tradition and similarly demanding improved parliamentary representation. These earlier concepts of democratic and even egalitarian reform had emerged in the turmoil of the English Civil War and the brief establishment of the republican Commonwealth of England amongst the vague political grouping known as the Levellers, but with the English Restoration of the monarchy such ideas had been discredited. Although the Glorious Revolution of 1688 had increased parliamentary power with a constitutional monarchy and the union of the parliaments brought England and Scotland together, towards the end of the 18th century the monarch still had considerable influence over the Parliament of Great Britain which itself was dominated by the English aristocracy and by patronage. Candidates for the House of Commons stood as Whigs or Tories, but once elected formed shifting coalitions of interests rather than splitting along party lines. At general elections, the vote was restricted to property owners in constituencies which were out of date and did not reflect the growing importance of manufacturing towns or shifts of population, so that in many rotten borough seats could be bought or were controlled by rich landowners while major cities remained unrepresented. Discontent with these inequities inspired those individuals who later became known as the "Radical Whigs". William Beckford fostered early interest in reform in the London area. The "Middlesex radicals" were led by the politician John Wilkes, an opponent of war with the colonies who started his weekly publication *The North Briton* in and within two years had been charged with seditious libel and expelled from the House of Commons. The Society for the Defence of the Bill of Rights which he started in to support his re-election, developed the belief that every man had the right to vote and "natural reason" enabling him to properly judge political issues. Liberty consisted in frequent elections and for the first time middle-class radicals obtained the backing of the London "mob". Middlesex and Westminster were among the few parliamentary constituencies with a large and socially diverse electorate including many artisans as well as the middle class and aristocracy and along with the county association of Yorkshire led by the Reverend Christopher Wyvill were at the forefront of reform activity. The writings of what became known as the "Radical Whigs" had an influence on the American Revolution. Major John Cartwright also supported the colonists, even as the American Revolutionary War began and in earned the title of the "Father of Reform" when he published his pamphlet *Take Your Choice!* In 1793, a draft programme of reform was drawn up by Charles James Fox and Thomas Brand Hollis and put forward by a sub-committee of the electors of Westminster. The American Revolutionary War ended in humiliating defeat of a policy which King George III had fervently advocated and in March the King was forced to appoint an administration led by his opponents which sought to curb Royal patronage. Pitt had previously called for Parliament to begin to reform itself, but he did not press for long for reforms the King did not like. Proposals Pitt made in April to redistribute seats from the "rotten boroughs" to London and the counties were defeated in the House of Commons by votes to 175-100. They encouraged mass support for democratic reform along with rejection of the monarchy, aristocracy and all forms of privilege. Different strands of the movement developed, with middle class "reformers" aiming to widen the franchise to represent commercial

and industrial interests and towns without parliamentary representation, while "Popular radicals" drawn from the middle class and from artisans agitated to assert wider rights including relieving distress. The theoretical basis for electoral reform was provided by "Philosophical radicals" who followed the utilitarian philosophy of Jeremy Bentham and strongly supported parliamentary reform, but were generally hostile to the arguments and tactics of the "popular radicals". Radical organisations sprang up, such as the London Corresponding Society of artisans formed in January under the leadership of the shoemaker Thomas Hardy to call for the vote. One such was the Scottish Friends of the People society which in October held a British convention in Edinburgh with delegates from some of the English corresponding societies. They issued a manifesto demanding universal male suffrage with annual elections and expressing their support for the principles of the French Revolution. The numbers involved in these movements were small and most wanted reform rather than revolution, but for the first time working men were organising for political change. The government reacted harshly, imprisoning leading Scottish radicals, temporarily suspending habeas corpus in England and passing the Seditious Meetings Act which meant that a license was needed for any meeting in a public place consisting of fifty or more people. Throughout the Napoleonic Wars, the government took extensive stern measures against feared domestic unrest. The corresponding societies ended, but some radicals continued in secret, with Irish sympathisers in particular forming secret societies to overturn the government and encourage mutinies. In 1830, Major John Cartwright formed the first Hampden Club, named after the English Civil War Parliamentary leader John Hampden, aiming to bring together middle class moderates and lower class radicals. After the Napoleonic Wars, the Corn laws in force between and bad harvests fostered discontent. The publications of William Cobbett were influential and at political meetings speakers like Henry Hunt complained that only three men in a hundred had the vote. Writers like the radicals William Hone and Thomas Jonathan Wooler spread dissent with publications such as *The Black Dwarf* in defiance of a series of government acts to curb circulation of political literature. Radical riots in 1819 were followed by the Peterloo massacre of publicised by Richard Carlile, who then continued to fight for press freedom from prison. The Six Acts of 1819 limited the right to demonstrate or hold public meetings. Magistrates powers were increased to crush demonstrations by manufacturers and action by radical Luddites. To counter the established Church of England doctrine that the aristocratic social order was divinely ordained, radicals supported Lamarckian Evolutionism, a theme proclaimed by street corner agitators as well as some established scientists such as Robert Edmund Grant. Political reform[edit] Economic conditions improved after and the United Kingdom government made economic and criminal law improvements, abandoning policies of repression. In 1832, Jeremy Bentham co-founded the *Westminster Review* with James Mill as a journal for "philosophical radicals", setting out the utilitarian philosophy that right actions were to be measured in proportion to the greatest good they achieved for the greatest number. Westminster elected two radicals to Parliament during the 1830s. The Whigs gained power and despite defeats in the House of Commons and the House of Lords the Reform Act was put through with the support of public outcry, mass meetings of "political unions" and riots in some cities. This now enfranchised the middle classes, but failed to meet radical demands. The Whigs introduced reforming measures owing much to the ideas of the philosophic radicals, abolishing slavery and in introducing Malthusian Poor Law reforms which were bitterly opposed by "popular radicals" and writers like Thomas Carlyle. Following the Reform Act, the mainly aristocratic Whigs in the House of Commons were joined by a small number of parliamentary Radicals as well as an increased number of middle class Whigs. By 1832, they were informally being called "the Liberal party". Chartists also expressed economic grievances, but their mass demonstrations and petitions to parliament were unsuccessful. Despite initial disagreements, after their failure their cause was taken up by the middle class Anti-Corn Law League founded by Richard Cobden and John Bright in 1838 to oppose duties on imported grain which raised the price of food and so helped landowners at the expense of ordinary people. The parliamentary Radicals joined with the Whigs and anti-protectionist Tory Peelites to form the Liberal Party by 1841. Demand for parliamentary reform increased by with agitation from John Bright and the Reform League. When the Liberal government led by Lord Russell and William Ewart Gladstone introduced a modest bill for parliamentary reform, it was defeated by both Tories and reform Liberals, forcing the government to resign. The Tories under Lord Derby and Benjamin Disraeli took office

and the new government decided to "dish the Whigs" and "take a leap in the dark" to take the credit for the reform. The Radicals, having been strenuous in their efforts on behalf of the working classes, earned a deeply loyal following—British trade unionists from until , upon being elected to Parliament, never considered themselves to be anything other than Radicals and were labeled Lib-Lab candidates. Radical trade unionists formed the basis for what later became the Labour Party. Radical Party France and Radical Party of the Left Following the Napoleonic Wars and until , it was technically illegal to advocate republicanism openly. Republicans therefore tended to call themselves "radicals" and the term came to mean a republican who by definition supported universal manhood suffrage. At Montmartre in , they put forward a programme of broad social reforms. These radicals then formed the Radical-Socialist Party or Republican, Radical and Radical-Socialist Party, to give it its full name in , which was the first French left-wing modern political party. The Radical—Socialist Party continued to be the main party of the Third Republic —, but was discredited after the war due to the role of Radical members of the National Assembly in voting for the establishment of the Vichy regime. Continental Europe and Latin America[edit] This section does not cite any sources. Please help improve this section by adding citations to reliable sources. Unsourced material may be challenged and removed. September Learn how and when to remove this template message In continental Europe and Latin America , as for instance in Italy , Spain , Chile and Argentina Radical Civic Union , Radicalism developed as an ideology in the 19th century to indicate those who supported at least in theory a republican form of government, universal male suffrage and particularly, supported anti-clerical policies. In Denmark , the left-wing of the Liberal party Venstre was known as the radicals and founded their own party Radikale Venstre in However, by the twentieth century at the latest radicalism, which did not advocate particularly radical economic policies, had been overtaken as the principal ideology of the left by the growing popularity of socialism and had become an essentially centrist political movement as far as "radicalism" survived as a distinct political ideology at all. Serbia and Montenegro[edit] Main article: Liberalism and radicalism in Serbia Radicalism had played a pivotal role in the birth and development of parliamentarism and the construction of the modern Serbian state leading to the Yugoslavian unification. The Constitution of the Kingdom of Serbia that defined it as an independent nation and formalised parliamentary democracy was among the most advanced in the entire world due to Radical contribution and it is known as The Radical Constitution. In , a crack had occurred in which the Independent Radical Party left and "the Olde" remained in the party, leading it to its considerable downfall and veering into conservatism. In the Yugoslavian kingdom, the Independent Radicals united with the rest of the Serbian opposition and the liberal and civic groups in the rest of the new country and formed the Yugoslav Democratic Party as the central, while several Republican dissidents formed a Republican Party. Democrats and Radicals were the dominant political parties, especially since the exclusion of the Communists. Radicalism and liberalism[edit] See also: Liberalism In some countries, the radical tendency is a variant of liberalism. Sometimes it is less doctrinaire and more moderate while other times it is more extreme. In Victorian era Britain , the Radicals were part of the Liberal coalition, but often rebelled when the more traditional Whigs in that coalition resisted democratic reforms. In other countries, these left-wing liberals have formed their own radical parties with various names, e. In the French political literature, it is normal to make a clear separation between liberalism and radicalism in France. In Serbia, both radicalism and liberalism have had their distinctiveness during the 19th century, with the Radical Party being the dominant political party throughout the entire multi-parliamentary period before the unification of Yugoslavia. The Independents had created the Democratic Party , whereas the Radicals of today are a far-right political group.

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Cultural Action Social Action Obviously in practice these models become blurred at the edges, one merging with another and, on occasions, moving from one model to another as a result of reflection on action. They form a continuum from the liberal individualistic approach at one end to the radical collective approach at the other end; from a concern with individual change to an emphasis on structural change; from radical individualism to radical structuralism. What I want to do in the rest of this essay is to briefly outline the chief characteristics of each of these models, to illustrate with examples from contemporary practice, and to indicate how they connect up with similar initiatives in the past. This entails concentrating on the effective co-ordination and delivery of the wide variety of educational resources available to meet local needs and interests. It usually implies appointing out-reach workers – community education tutors to work outside institutions in local communities where there is little or no take up of adult education provision, thus linking the community to the latter. This, in itself, is nothing new. It is the traditional WEA tutor organiser role, and it has been successfully adopted by some community schools and Colleges of Further Education. It differs however in a number of respects: This project, based in the Department of Adult and Continuing Education at Leeds University, successfully pioneered the provision of adult education for a range of deprived groups and communities, e. In fact, in many instances, all of these groups were to be found in working class areas of Leeds and Bradford where the project team worked. The team used a combination of community work and a network approach, i. Then, after initially providing courses and classes, they attempted to involve a range of other providers in a co-ordinated comprehensive approach to meeting local needs and interests. In less than three years, Pioneer Courses had been organised in Leeds and Bradford, all offered free of charge. The total number of people attending two or more sessions was 3, *ibid*: The range of courses provided encompassed recreational and liberal studies subjects, i. The project team was in no doubt that working with, and in, local communities was the most successful approach in terms of actual provision. The emphasis throughout the report on this work is on reviving the liberal education approach, making it broader, more relevant and accessible to working class adults. They defined the notion of social purpose in liberal education in educational, not social, terms, with an emphasis on enabling process concerned with assisting working class people to develop both individually and collectively. It does nothing for the problems of poverty and inequality which community development strategies seek to eliminate. A community development model The second model is one which attempts to meet this criticism by concentrating on a mixture of community work and community development. In this community development model an effort is also made to educate the institutions and organisations concerned with the provision of services and resources for the local community. Thus courses are provided for local councillors, clergy, police, planners, social workers, etc. The early work at the Liverpool Institute of Extension Studies was important in developing this model in which community development and community education were viewed as processes which could involve the whole community in a concerted effort to resolve local problems Jackson It accepts the nature of the pluralist society and concentrates on improving communication and understanding between the various conflicting groups in an effort to improve local community problems. It is a model which owes a lot to that early Gulbenkian report of Community Work Gulbenkian The major weakness in this approach is its assumption that the problems found in deprived areas can be resolved by such cooperation, co-ordination and improved understanding at local level. The people themselves are to blame for the problems caused by capital. Some of the work of the Community Action Research and Education Project in Derry in the late seventies was concerned with this approach, i. This was an active process of learning through doing, involving local residents in actually getting the coop successfully off the ground. Education in the formal sense was restricted to those occasions when information, advice and skills were needed during the active learning process. This model has obvious links with the work of the Antigonish movement. It has been criticised because, it is argued, the problems facing

working class communities cannot be resolved by such local alternatives since the problems are structural and large scale. Recently however there has been an upsurge of interest and involvement in the idea of collective attempts to regenerate working class communities, economically and socially, through a process of community economic development Adams Those involved argue that larger social movements for structural social change can only emerge and grow if they have roots in a philosophy and practice of collective effort and fraternalism in working class communities similar to that of the 19th and early 20th Century labour movements. These first three models have much in common with the work of the Societa Umanitaria de Milan referred to above. Many initiatives in community education share that very broad approach. Generally speaking Community Action is often the dividing line between the reformist and radical models. A cultural action model This model owes a great deal to the work of Freire Freire Thus the initial emphasis is not on action but on assisting people to become engaged in a process of reflection on the major themes in their lives. In terms of educational methods this implies dialogue and discussion about changes in everyday life, i. Building on earlier experience in outreach work in local working class communities in Southampton this programme emphasised the need for a strong feminist perspective in education for women, starting where women are and moving to show how they are the victims of a process of cultural invasion, victims of a culture of silence. A similar approach was adopted by the CARE Project in Northern Ireland although aimed at a wider audience of working class women, men and youth. Using local radio as a medium this project produced a series of thirty community education programmes concerned with the general theme of working class community in N. Ireland Lovett et al The same medium, local radio, was used by the Southampton Project. It is possible to discern in this approach an attempt to re-establish some elements of the early 19th century radical approach where education was very much a part of everyday life. The fifth and final model attempts to tackle this problem. A social action model This model is closely identified with the later work of the Liverpool Institute of Extension Studies in the Vauxhall project Ashcroft and Jackson It was suspicious of the view that community action is, in itself, a learning process, or that just because an educator is involved in providing support and assistance for a particular local initiative it is an educational process. Education must be more structured and systematic. Educators must however act in solidarity with local people, aligning themselves with local community action, seeking to provide specific forms of educational support which illuminate the problems which local people seek to resolve. There is more emphasis on locating, through education, the origins of local community problems in the larger social, economic and political structures in society. This is to be done not through informal dialogue and discussion but by strengthening motivation so that working class adults are prepared to undertake such hard intellectual effort. This is a model which reaffirms certain aspects of the liberal tradition found in the trade union education work pioneered by some University Extra-Mural Departments; i. However this does not imply, as in the Labour College tradition, a rigid dogmatic approach to education. However, it has been criticised for its narrow interpretation of education and the possible dangers of creating an educational elite. Courses on the political economy of cities are fine, but very few community activists are at the point where such phrases mean anything to them. Such courses are more often run for the benefit of left-professionals including community workers with perhaps a couple of token working class activists or trade unionists. That particular initiative faced certain contradictions indicated above, i. However the project was extremely successful in engaging a wide range of mature students and community activists in its programme. It built on the earlier work of Jackson , Ashcroft and Yarnit The latter recognised the tension in the programme between individual and collective needs: Second chance has always had to come to terms with the tension between the interests of the politically committed, who form a coherent and vocal minority of the students, and the needs of often minimally class conscious students. The CARE Project in Northern Ireland Lovett et al attempted to deal with the same tensions and contradictions with a variety of educational responses with a radical perspective. The emphasis changed from community development to community enterprise and community service, i. However, during this same period there was a major initiative in adult education and community development undertaken by the Council of Europe James This involved 14 countries in a range of pilot experiments concerned to explore the role of adult education in efforts to regenerate groups and communities in disadvantaged and impoverished regions of Europe. Initially on this

process, education was an act of community awareness. But, through self-motivation and a perceived need for change, a sufficient powerful head of steam has been built to create a sense of shared destiny. Council for Cultural Co-operation It also stressed the role of community education in this whole process suggesting that community education and community development were themselves, two sides of the same coin. In many senses this model attempts to combine features from almost all of the models discussed above, i. It is obviously less confrontational than the social action model; less concerned with social movements, more concerned with social partnerships. Only time will tell if that partnership is an illusion or a reality. However, it does point in the right direction in terms of the need to see community education as an integral part of a wide range of activities concerned with social change and combating poverty and disadvantage. That vision of the role of community education and development is one shared by many people involved in this process throughout the world. However it will require an act of political will, a social movement of struggling people, supported by community educators, to make it a reality. Radical Approaches to Adult Education. An Agenda for Reform. Community Work One, London: Routledge and Kegan Paul. Adult Education for a Change. The State and the Poverty Experiments. Council for Cultural Cooperation Permanent Education: Evaluation of Pilot Experiments " Interim Report. Twentieth Century Thinkers in Adult Education. International Council for Adult Education. A Handbook for Community Workers, Vols. Council for Cultural Cooperation, Council of Europe. Studies in History and Theory. Regional and Community Development in a New Nation. The Politics of Adult Education. National Institute of Adult Continuing Education. Folk Colleges in Social and Ethnic Movements. What does it mean? Unpublished Paper, University of Southern California. Education for Economic, Social and Personal Development. School of Education, University of Massachusetts. Political Issues in Community Work.

Chapter 5 : Radicalism (historical) - Wikipedia

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In Detroit, Michigan, the number of children in school more than doubled, from , in to , in . The numbers were still rising in , when more American children had access to education than ever before. But school districts had borrowed money to fund expansion, and business leaders wanted their money back as the economy slipped into depression. School districts were soon struggling with debt. At the same time, revenues had fallen. Georgia closed down 1, schools in the early s. In Dayton, Ohio, schools opened only three days each week. The art, music, home economics , and physical education classes that had been introduced during the s could no longer be funded. By , the resources spent on each student and the narrow list of subjects offered in the public school system was no better than it had been before World War I. As funding from businesses and local sources dried up, schools and colleges relied heavily on money from state and federal governments. Although this meant that many school budgets had to be cut, it also made funding fairer. State "foundation grants" ensured that a minimum level of schooling was available to more children. State support for schools doubled between and to an average of around 30 percent of the total cost. But state funding could never provide minimum standards across the country because poor states, such as South Carolina , could not afford to spend as much as richer states, such as Delaware. Federal funding could have helped reduce or remove inequalities, but efforts to finance education from Washington met with opposition. Many lawmakers thought it would destroy the tradition of local control of schools, while southerners thought federal funding would lead to desegregation. Others thought the cost of education would bankrupt the government. It would be another decade before federal funding would have a noticeable effect on the national education system. Although the Depression put an end to many of the educational advances of the s, it also inspired change and reform. As budgets were cut, schools were given more control over how their money could be spent. The curriculum was reformed, and textbooks and testing were standardized. School districts merged, worked together, and organized themselves to save money. They offered a more consistent and efficient service. Although a well-organized and properly surveyed education system had long been the aim of reformers, it took the hardships of the Depression to make it happen. At the beginning of the s, American schools were in turmoil. By the end of the decade, the entire education system was more modern, more professional, and much fairer.

Teacher Salaries As the teachers became more militant they began to complain more about pay. In , the educational journal *Social Frontier* published a list of the annual incomes of well-known people in business and entertainment. Roosevelt " left control of schools and colleges to local school boards and governing bodies. New Dealers tried hard not to give the impression that they were trying to move power to Washington. As a result the relationship between educators and the Roosevelt administration was tense. Federal assistance for schools was disappointing, while the U. Office of Education was scaled back. The reasons were mostly political. By funding schools for African Americans , the New Deal would have antagonized southerners. Similarly, public school assistance would upset the Catholic school lobby in big business. The New Deal stayed out of education to protect political allegiances that were important for the rest of the program. Another reason why educators and New Dealers were at odds was a simple difference in their approach. Before the Depression, most teachers were middle class, conservative, and Protestant, with links to business. They saw their role as being to "elevate" children to their own set of tastes and values. The New Dealers were different. They were interested in mass education, not just for the gifted. They focused on skills, education through experience, and the arts. Where professional educators tended to favor classroom learning, New Dealers exposed students to theater, film, art exhibitions, and writing workshops. Roosevelt distrusted his education commissioner, John Studebaker " Between and , 70 percent of new school construction was paid for by the federal government. Thousands of schools were decorated and repaired by the WPA. But Roosevelt avoided financing schools in a direct way. The money always went through New Deal agencies, funding youth and adult education programs in subjects from the liberal arts to agriculture. The aim was to give people "a decent

break" by teaching them to read and write, and giving them a chance to go further. Although they annoyed professional educators, New Deal programs proved that learning did not have to be—and indeed, should not be—accessible to the white middle class only. School boards expected teachers to accept the cuts while taking on more work. Knowing that any job was better than no job, most teachers did exactly as they were told. Married women teachers had the most to fear. They often lost their jobs in order to keep men in work. Job losses and low pay made the teachers militant. They formed unions and demonstrated in the streets for better pay and work conditions. But as salaries fell and school closures accelerated, tension grew between the teachers and administrators. They demonstrated against banks that refused teachers credit, and male teachers fought with the police. The result was that the Chicago school board voted to fire 1, teachers. The tangled connection between business and education was especially bad in Chicago, but similar problems existed elsewhere. But as things improved, teachers lost their radical edge. Demonstrations and strikes gave way to negotiations for better pensions, pay, and smaller classes. The economic hardships of the Depression had forced both teachers and schools to be more organized and efficient. Teachers gained more control over their work through unions and new laws aimed at standardizing education. Teachers had to be better qualified, and their performance was monitored, but laws were brought in to give them "tenure," protecting them from dismissal. University of Chicago philosopher John Dewey — pioneered progressivism at his "laboratory school. Not only did they learn principles of geometry, but they also found out about homesteading and the history of western expansion and picked up practical skills, as well. Dewey believed that schools were at the center of democratic society. When the Depression appeared to threaten democracy, Dewey and his followers looked to the schools to save the American democratic project. Progressive education gradually began to take hold on the school curriculum. Classes became more "child centered" and vocational. Traditional schooling involved a teacher giving instruction from the front of a classroom. A new type of school created during the Depression broke with this teacher-centered style. These "folk" schools based lessons on discussion and shared learning, rather than instruction and memorizing. Based on a Danish model, folk schools were communities in themselves. They were often integrated, with teachers and students living together and sharing duties such as cleaning, fundraising, and the running of the school. Folk schools offered courses in political reform, labor organizing, and civil rights. They also helped collect folk music and ran oral history projects. As their name suggests, folk schools put local communities and the experiences of "ordinary" people at the heart of their curriculum. Highlander Folk School in Monteagle, Tennessee, is the most famous of the folk schools. Like other folk schools, Highlander was attacked by conservatives, who saw such activities as communistic and dangerous. But in the aftermath of the Depression, many progressive educators took an even more radical approach. Known as "social reconstructionism," this approach involved using education to inform students about the failures of capitalism. In part, social reconstructionism grew out of frustration with conservatives on school boards and in business. Social reconstructionists saw schools as the only area of life that could change society without violence and demonstration. They aimed to change school and college curricula to reflect their views. Social reconstructionism was opposed by many progressive educators, as well as by conservatives. Both groups believed schools should be run like businesses, and that the Depression was an opportunity to make schools more efficient. Social reconstructionists were described as "romantic" and "sentimental" for believing that child-centered learning could change society. Even Dewey himself sometimes criticized social reconstructionists. He did not believe, as they did, that children would teach themselves, and he did not think that children should be told about only one political point of view. The whole point of progressive education , Dewey thought, was to expose children to many different views and ideas. By the end of the s, social reconstructionism had gone out of favor, but progressive education , although its name disappeared, had brought profound changes to the character of American education. Labor colleges also offered a traditional education for people who had missed out on schooling when they were children. Industrial workers, farmers, and the unemployed all benefited from a labor college education. Although most labor colleges had been set up in the s or earlier, during the Depression they became an important feature of the American education system. They taught unusual economic theories, encouraged community life, and published pamphlets on union organizing and politics. Faculty and students often worked on behalf of the unions.

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Suffice it to say that some philosophers, as well as focusing inward on the abstract philosophical issues that concern them, are drawn outwards to discuss or comment on issues that are more commonly regarded as falling within the purview of professional educators, educational researchers, policy-makers and the like. An example is Michael Scriven, who in his early career was a prominent philosopher of science; later he became a central figure in the development of the field of evaluation of educational and social programs. See Scriven a, b. At the same time, there are professionals in the educational or closely related spheres who are drawn to discuss one or another of the philosophical issues that they encounter in the course of their work. An example here is the behaviorist psychologist B. Skinner, the central figure in the development of operant conditioning and programmed learning, who in works such as *Walden Two* and *Beyond Freedom and Dignity* grappledâ€”albeit controversiallyâ€”with major philosophical issues that were related to his work. What makes the field even more amorphous is the existence of works on educational topics, written by well-regarded philosophers who have made major contributions to their discipline; these educational reflections have little or no philosophical content, illustrating the truth that philosophers do not always write philosophy. However, despite this, works in this genre have often been treated as contributions to philosophy of education. Finally, as indicated earlier, the domain of education is vast, the issues it raises are almost overwhelmingly numerous and are of great complexity, and the social significance of the field is second to none. These features make the phenomena and problems of education of great interest to a wide range of socially-concerned intellectuals, who bring with them their own favored conceptual frameworksâ€”concepts, theories and ideologies, methods of analysis and argumentation, metaphysical and other assumptions, and the like. It is not surprising that scholars who work in this broad genre also find a home in the field of philosophy of education. As a result of these various factors, the significant intellectual and social trends of the past few centuries, together with the significant developments in philosophy, all have had an impact on the content of arguments and methods of argumentation in philosophy of educationâ€”Marxism, psycho-analysis, existentialism, phenomenology, positivism, post-modernism, pragmatism, neo-liberalism, the several waves of feminism, analytic philosophy in both its ordinary language and more formal guises, are merely the tip of the iceberg. Analytic Philosophy of Education and Its Influence Conceptual analysis, careful assessment of arguments, the rooting out of ambiguity, the drawing of clarifying distinctionsâ€”all of which are at least part of the philosophical toolkitâ€”have been respected activities within philosophy from the dawn of the field. No doubt it somewhat over-simplifies the complex path of intellectual history to suggest that what happened in the twentieth centuryâ€”early on, in the home discipline itself, and with a lag of a decade or more in philosophy of educationâ€”is that philosophical analysis came to be viewed by some scholars as being the major philosophical activity or set of activities, or even as being the only viable or reputable activity. The pioneering work in the modern period entirely in an analytic mode was the short monograph by C. Hardie, *Truth and Fallacy in Educational Theory*; reissued in *In his Introduction*, Hardie who had studied with C. Richards made it clear that he was putting all his eggs into the ordinary-language-analysis basket: The Cambridge analytical school, led by Moore, Broad and Wittgenstein, has attempted so to analyse propositions that it will always be apparent whether the disagreement between philosophers is one concerning matters of fact, or is one concerning the use of words, or is, as is frequently the case, a purely emotive one. It is time, I think, that a similar attitude became common in the field of educational theory. Ennis edited the volume *Language and Concepts in Education*; and R. Archambault edited *Philosophical Analysis and Education*, consisting of essays by a number of prominent British writers, most notably R. Among the most influential products of APE was the analysis developed by Hirst and Peters and Peters of the concept of education itself. A criminal who has been reformed has changed for the better, and has developed a commitment to the new mode of life if one or other of these conditions does not hold, a speaker of standard English would not say the

criminal has been reformed. Clearly the analogy with reform breaks down with respect to the knowledge and understanding conditions. The concept of indoctrination was also of great interest to analytic philosophers of education, for, it was argued, getting clear about precisely what constitutes indoctrination also would serve to clarify the border that demarcates it from acceptable educational processes. Thus, whether or not an instructional episode was a case of indoctrination was determined by the content taught, the intention of the instructor, the methods of instruction used, the outcomes of the instruction, or by some combination of these. Adherents of the different analyses used the same general type of argument to make their case, namely, appeal to normal and aberrant usage. Unfortunately, ordinary language analysis did not lead to unanimity of opinion about where this border was located, and rival analyses of the concept were put forward. Snook First, there were growing criticisms that the work of analytic philosophers of education had become focused upon minutiae and in the main was bereft of practical import. It is worth noting that an article in *Time*, reprinted in Lucas, had put forward the same criticism of mainstream philosophy. Fourth, during the decade of the seventies when these various critiques of analytic philosophy were in the process of eroding its luster, a spate of translations from the Continent stimulated some philosophers of education in Britain and North America to set out in new directions, and to adopt a new style of writing and argumentation. The classic works of Heidegger and Husserl also found new admirers; and feminist philosophers of education were finding their voices. Maxine Greene published a number of pieces in the sixties and seventies, including *The Dialectic of Freedom*; the influential book by Nel Noddings, *Caring*: In more recent years all these trends have continued. APE was and is no longer the center of interest, although, as indicated below, it still retains its voice. Areas of Contemporary Activity As was stressed at the outset, the field of education is huge and contains within it a virtually inexhaustible number of issues that are of philosophical interest. To attempt comprehensive coverage of how philosophers of education have been working within this thicket would be a quixotic task for a large single volume and is out of the question for a solitary encyclopedia entry. Nevertheless, a valiant attempt to give an overview was made in *A Companion to the Philosophy of Education Current*, which contains more than six-hundred pages divided into forty-five chapters each of which surveys a subfield of work. The following random selection of chapter topics gives a sense of the enormous scope of the field: Sex education, special education, science education, aesthetic education, theories of teaching and learning, religious education, knowledge, truth and learning, cultivating reason, the measurement of learning, multicultural education, education and the politics of identity, education and standards of living, motivation and classroom management, feminism, critical theory, postmodernism, romanticism, the purposes of universities, affirmative action in higher education, and professional education. The *Oxford Handbook of Philosophy of Education* Siegel contains a similarly broad range of articles on among other things the epistemic and moral aims of education, liberal education and its imminent demise, thinking and reasoning, fallibilism and fallibility, indoctrination, authenticity, the development of rationality, Socratic teaching, educating the imagination, caring and empathy in moral education, the limits of moral education, the cultivation of character, values education, curriculum and the value of knowledge, education and democracy, art and education, science education and religious toleration, constructivism and scientific methods, multicultural education, prejudice, authority and the interests of children, and on pragmatist, feminist, and postmodernist approaches to philosophy of education. Given this enormous range, there is no non-arbitrary way to select a small number of topics for further discussion, nor can the topics that are chosen be pursued in great depth. In tackling it, care needs to be taken to distinguish between education and schooling—for although education can occur in schools, so can mis-education, and many other things can take place there that are educationally orthogonal such as the provision of free or subsidized lunches and the development of social networks; and it also must be recognized that education can occur in the home, in libraries and museums, in churches and clubs, in solitary interaction with the public media, and the like. In developing a curriculum whether in a specific subject area, or more broadly as the whole range of offerings in an educational institution or system, a number of difficult decisions need to be made. Issues such as the proper ordering or sequencing of topics in the chosen subject, the time to be allocated to each topic, the lab work or excursions or projects that are appropriate for particular topics, can all be regarded as technical issues best resolved either by educationists who have a depth

of experience with the target age group or by experts in the psychology of learning and the like. Is the justification that is given for teaching Economics in some schools coherent and convincing? The justifications offered for all such aims have been controversial, and alternative justifications of a single proposed aim can provoke philosophical controversy. Consider the aim of autonomy. These two formulations are related, for it is arguable that our educational institutions should aim to equip individuals to pursue this good life—although this is not obvious, both because it is not clear that there is one conception of the good or flourishing life that is the good or flourishing life for everyone, and it is not clear that this is a question that should be settled in advance rather than determined by students for themselves. Thus, for example, if our view of human flourishing includes the capacity to think and act autonomously, then the case can be made that educational institutions—and their curricula—should aim to prepare, or help to prepare, autonomous individuals. A rival justification of the aim of autonomy, associated with Kant, champions the educational fostering of autonomy not on the basis of its contribution to human flourishing, but rather the obligation to treat students with respect as persons Scheffler []; Siegel It is also possible to reject the fostering of autonomy as an educational aim Hand Assuming that the aim can be justified, how students should be helped to become autonomous or develop a conception of the good life and pursue it is of course not immediately obvious, and much philosophical ink has been spilled on the general question of how best to determine curriculum content. One influential line of argument was developed by Paul Hirst, who argued that knowledge is essential for developing and then pursuing a conception of the good life, and because logical analysis shows, he argued, that there are seven basic forms of knowledge, the case can be made that the function of the curriculum is to introduce students to each of these forms Hirst ; see Phillips In the closing decades of the twentieth century there were numerous discussions of curriculum theory, particularly from Marxist and postmodern perspectives, that offered the sobering analysis that in many educational systems, including those in Western democracies, the curriculum did indeed reflect and serve the interests of powerful cultural elites. A closely related question is this: Scheffler argued that we should opt for the latter: The function of education—is rather to liberate the mind, strengthen its critical powers, [and] inform it with knowledge and the capacity for independent inquiry. Or should every student pursue the same curriculum as far as each is able? Medically, this is dubious, while the educational version—forcing students to work, until they exit the system, on topics that do not interest them and for which they have no facility or motivation—has even less merit. For a critique of Adler and his Paideia Proposal, see Noddings Over time, as they moved up the educational ladder it would become obvious that some had reached the limit imposed upon them by nature, and they would be directed off into appropriate social roles in which they would find fulfillment, for their abilities would match the demands of these roles. Those who continued on with their education would eventually become members of the ruling class of Guardians. The book spurred a period of ferment in political philosophy that included, among other things, new research on educationally fundamental themes. Fair equality of opportunity entailed that the distribution of education would not put the children of those who currently occupied coveted social positions at any competitive advantage over other, equally talented and motivated children seeking the qualifications for those positions Rawls Its purpose was to prevent socio-economic differences from hardening into social castes that were perpetuated across generations. One obvious criticism of fair equality of opportunity is that it does not prohibit an educational distribution that lavished resources on the most talented children while offering minimal opportunities to others. So long as untalented students from wealthy families were assigned opportunities no better than those available to their untalented peers among the poor, no breach of the principle would occur. Even the most moderate egalitarians might find such a distributive regime to be intuitively repugnant. All citizens must enjoy the same basic liberties, and equal liberty always has moral priority over equal opportunity: Further, inequality in the distribution of income and wealth are permitted only to the degree that it serves the interests of the least advantaged group in society. But even with these qualifications, fair equality of opportunity is arguably less than really fair to anyone. But surely it is relevant, given that a principle of educational justice must be responsive to the full range of educationally important goods. Suppose we revise our account of the goods included in educational distribution so that aesthetic appreciation, say, and the necessary understanding and virtue for conscientious citizenship count for just as

much as job-related skills. An interesting implication of doing so is that the rationale for requiring equality under any just distribution becomes decreasingly clear. That is because job-related skills are positional whereas the other educational goods are not (Hollis). If you and I both aspire to a career in business management for which we are equally qualified, any increase in your job-related skills is a corresponding disadvantage to me unless I can catch up. Positional goods have a competitive structure by definition, though the ends of civic or aesthetic education do not fit that structure. If you and I aspire to be good citizens and are equal in civic understanding and virtue, an advance in your civic education is no disadvantage to me. On the contrary, it is easier to be a good citizen the better other citizens learn to be. At the very least, so far as non-positional goods figure in our conception of what counts as a good education, the moral stakes of inequality are thereby lowered. In fact, an emerging alternative to fair equality of opportunity is a principle that stipulates some benchmark of adequacy in achievement or opportunity as the relevant standard of distribution. But it is misleading to represent this as a contrast between egalitarian and sufficientarian conceptions. Philosophically serious interpretations of adequacy derive from the ideal of equal citizenship (Satz ; Anderson). This was arguably true in *A Theory of Justice* but it is certainly true in his later work (Dworkin). The debate between adherents of equal opportunity and those misnamed as sufficientarians is certainly not over. Further progress will likely hinge on explicating the most compelling conception of the egalitarian foundation from which distributive principles are to be inferred. In his earlier book, the theory of justice had been presented as if it were universally valid. But Rawls had come to think that any theory of justice presented as such was open to reasonable rejection. A more circumspect approach to justification would seek grounds for justice as fairness in an overlapping consensus between the many reasonable values and doctrines that thrive in a democratic political culture. Rawls argued that such a culture is informed by a shared ideal of free and equal citizenship that provided a new, distinctively democratic framework for justifying a conception of justice. But the salience it gave to questions about citizenship in the fabric of liberal political theory had important educational implications. How was the ideal of free and equal citizenship to be instantiated in education in a way that accommodated the range of reasonable values and doctrines encompassed in an overlapping consensus? Political Liberalism has inspired a range of answers to that question (cf. Callan ; Clayton ; Bull). Other philosophers besides Rawls in the 1980s took up a cluster of questions about civic education, and not always from a liberal perspective. As a full-standing alternative to liberalism, communitarianism might have little to recommend it. But it was a spur for liberal philosophers to think about how communities could be built and sustained to support the more familiar projects of liberal politics (e.g.). Furthermore, its arguments often converged with those advanced by feminist exponents of the ethic of care (Noddings ; Gilligan).

Chapter 7 : Britain in the mids

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Putting Hands Around the Flame: The first step towards building an alternative world has to be a refusal of the world picture implanted in our minds Another space is vitally necessary. Contributors to this Special Double Issue do, indeed, denounce the absurdities, injustices and daily inhumanity of much that makes up the explicit norms and, more importantly, the underlying assumptions of contemporary state schooling in England. Our capacity to interrogate the present with any degree of wisdom or any likelihood of creating a more fulfilling future rests significantly on our knowledge and engagement with the past and with the establishment of continuities that contemporary culture denies. These presumptions persist most often as a susurrus beneath the surface of much of what Berger has to say. Occasionally they are more openly articulated, as in his engagement with Bosch. This is not just a matter of intellectual regret: It seems to me that we now need to do two things: With regard to the first of these imperatives - the necessity of reclaiming and revoicing narratives of our radical past - many of the authors of the Special Issue remind us how important this is. In sum, we need to develop counter-narratives that reconnect to our radical heritage. We need to name different realities. While these include physical, geographical and interpersonal spaces, they are also include inner spaces in which we can nurture and extend their imaginations. Michael is one of the most profound and eloquent advocates of the radical progressive tradition in this country. Here he brings us back to fundamentals: In a sensitive and highly-attuned response to the moving work of a 14 year old boy Michael exemplifies all that his advocacy names: This is in large part also true of adults who teach them and they are ill-served by contemporary policy assumptions that teachers know nothing and thus need to be told. The time is ripe for some critical remembering. The first, Raising Standards: The results speak for themselves. In his Less is More: In his Alex Bloom, Pioneer of Radical State Education Michael Fielding argues that in this once internationally renowned headteacher of a secondary modern school in the East End of London we have someone whose work in the first decade after the Second World war anticipates and still outreaches even the most creative periods of the comprehensive movement that were to follow. We have much to learn from him. Conversely, students taught in mixed ability arrangements in a progressive school in one of the poorest areas of the country helped those young people to become upwardly mobile. She concludes her article with the devastating question: Reclaiming Teacher Professionalism The next four articles explore different aspects of contemporary teacher professionalism in its struggles to retain its collective memory, its voice and, consequently, its educational integrity as we move into the 21st century. Having offered a quite different version of recent history the article concludes with three tentative suggestions of ways in which the teaching profession might begin to reclaim its voice. This is a article of great significance and sadness. In it we confront the dilemmas of all those who try to live out the unity of values and action Tony Booth advocated earlier. Like Shelia Dainton, he too makes a number of suggestions for change and ends his article with the salutary reminder to governments offered by Lester Smith nearly 50 years ago: Schools, Community and Democracy The next two articles explore different aspects of schools and their relations with their communities. In the first of these, Illuminating Schools and Communities, David Limond warns us against what for many seems a positive development in recentring the wholeness and integrity of the child as a person in the ECM Every Child Matters legislation. Drawing on recent Scottish research and the history of the English community college tradition, David Limond argues, firstly, that what seems to be benign more often than not turns out to be an instrument of control. Secondly, he suggests that in their failure to understand the richness and importance of their own distinctive traditions and histories those who framed the legislation have by-passed alternative models and practices that hold out more hope of a democratic commitment to authentic learning. Radical Traditions in Community Organising. Contemporary Policies, Radical Critiques The next three articles explore in very different ways how we might understand and respond to current government policies from the standpoint of the radical state tradition. In his On the Comfort of the Wilderness: Learning from Europe We end our Special Issue by looking outward, not

across the Atlantic, but to radical traditions in mainland Europe which seem to retain greater proximity to contemporary governments than we have thus far managed to achieve in England. The Urgent Solidarities of Humankind We are living at a significant moment, not just in the history of education in England, but in the wider context of western culture and its engagement with other nations and traditions across the world. For the two authors whose work inspires and speaks through this prefatory contribution to this Special Issue of FORUM this evinces a sense of profound apprehension and insistent hope. For John Berger, who underscores what he sees as the urgency of his book, *The Shape of a Pocket*, from which these extracts are taken, the apprehension is palpable. Whilst Berger and Jacoby articulate deep disquiet with disturbing eloquence they match their unease with an equally articulate hope. Others will see our fire, others will warm themselves by it as we warm each other, and together we will light beacons of hope again in England. We will see other fires in Wales, in Scotland, in Ireland, in Europe, in North America, in Australasia, and in other places and countries across our small planet: University of California Press.

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There was in fact a popular radical education tradition in the early nineteenth century which was closely associated with the radical political movement and sharply oppositional to all provided and centralised education, including the Mechanics Institute.

What is adult education? Is adult education a practice or a program? A methodology or an organization? A process or a profession? A definition and discussion Is adult education a practice or a program? Is adult education different from continuing education, vocational education, higher education? Does adult education have form and substance, or does it merely permeate through the environment like air? Is adult education, therefore, everywhere and yet nowhere in particular? Does adult education even exist? McCullough quoted in Jarvis a: As a starting point, Courtney What we know as adult education has been shaped by the activities of key organizations. One way to approach this is to contrast adult education with the sort of learning that we engage in as part of everyday living. Adult education could be then seen as, for example, the process of managing the external conditions that facilitate the internal change in adults called learning see Brookfield In other words, it is a relationship that involves a conscious effort to learn something. Here the focus has been on two attributes of professions: This is arguably the most common way of demarcating adult education from other forms of education. Adult education is concerned not with preparing people for life, but rather with helping people to live more successfully. Thus if there is to be an overarching function of the adult education enterprise, it is to assist adults to increase competence, or negotiate transitions, in their social roles worker, parent, retiree etc. Darkenwald and Merriam Adult education is work with adults, to promote learning for adulthood. We might approach the notion, for example, as a: Different societies and cultures will have contrasting understanding of what it is to be adult. At base adults are older than children and with this comes a set of expectations. They are not necessarily mature. A working definition Most current texts seem to approach adult education via the adult status of students, and a concern with education creating enlivening environments for learning. We could choose a starting definition from a range of writers. Rather than muck around I have taken one advanced by Sharan B. Merriam and Ralph G. They define adult education as: However, it is a start. Further reading and references Brookfield, S. A comprehensive analysis of principles and effective practices, Milton Keynes: A critical role for the adult educator, London: Foundations of practice, New York: Theory and practice, 2nd. Croom Helm Lindeman, E. Routledge and Kegan Paul. Culture and Processes of Adult Learning, London:

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It argues that in the radical tradition, training is not conceived so narrowly and the terms training and education are at times used interchangeably to refer to a democratic and participatory form of education.

Britain was still predominantly rural like the continent. But agricultural output was "at least twice that of any other European country, and was to continue so until the s. Its agriculture benefited development in general. Productivity and real wages were inching upwards. They were getting more in return for their labor. People could buy manufactured items. Locke died in , but his influence lived on through the century. His views on liberty and politics influenced Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, Thomas Jefferson and others in the colonies. Jefferson was to write: I consider them as the three greatest men that have ever lived, without any exception. London also had migrants from Germany, Holland and France. London had become a great center for the arts and fashion. A new interest in variety and consumerism had developed. The idea that it was okay to find delight in buying things was taking hold. Christian asceticism was in decline. English men and women had begun wearing lighter and brighter clothing instead of heavy wool and linen. Meanwhile, wrist watches were still inaccurate curiosities, and people kept time by the ringing of church bells. Britain produced of woolen cloth, and it led the world in maritime trade, and trade with India made available new fabrics. In England a spirit of enterprise was growing. These were times of increased literacy. Personal correspondence and other forms of writing were on the rise. Literate people gathered in groups interested in science or literature. A variety of learned journals were published. Book production had increased, and so too had newspaper distribution. In Scotland in around 45 percent the population could read, and by the end of the s it would rise to 85 percent. These were times when fanaticism was more feared and intellect more respected. Restraint in the expression of passion had become more of a mark of a gentleman, and good manners had become more valued as a barrier against conflict. Most intellectuals favored the existing constitutional monarchy as had Locke. But England still had its republicans and people dissatisfied with the liberal revolution of " the so-called Glorious Revolution. As had happened in the Dutch Republic, shifting religious beliefs and rising commerce was accompanied by a decline in demand for religious uniformity " a step away from the belief that those with views different from their own were evil. With Copernicus, Galileo and Newton a new optimism about the benefits of learning had arisen " in conflict with the old and common belief that the world was a mystery never to be fathomed by humanity. And some were proud of it. Most men were unqualified to vote because of a land qualification law. Some others owned small farms. People rented land from the big landowners, giving the landowner a share of the wealth they produced. Parliament was divided between the party of the landed aristocracy, the Tories, and the Whigs, middle class liberals. There was doubt concerning the absolute wisdom of monarchical governments claiming to be the agents of God, while the Tories were quick to associate their values with those of God and the Anglican church. Religious pluralism had been legalized, but the Blasphemy Act of had made denial of the Trinity punishable by imprisonment. Denying that Christianity was the truth or denying the authority of the Scriptures was also illegal. But these laws were rarely invoked. In England, the last execution for heresy had been in the early s, and the last to have been executed in Scotland for heresy was a nineteen year-old student at Edinburgh in From to , conservatives tried to revive the union between the state and the Church of England. They feared that if people were left free to choose their religion there would be a dramatic spread of Dissenters. Also they thought that religious disunity was an affront to God, that it threatened the salvation of individuals and national security. Some Anglican conservatives also blamed crime and vice on religious disunity. The conservatives failed to pass their legislation, but to the surprise of the conservatives the number of Dissenters those other than Anglican remained stagnant. The Church of England remained dominant in rural England, in the universities and in grammar schools, while the Dissenters remained strongest in the cities and the middle class. And from the Anglicans a small new denomination emerged. Two Anglicans at Oxford University, John Wesley and George Whitefield, started a movement dedicated to nurturing spirituality through prayers, devotional readings, self-examination, fasting, frequent communion and good works, which won them the nickname of Methodist.

Protestant "dissenters" continued to be able to run for a seat in parliament, but their representation there was small, and Dissenters did not enjoy legal equality with the Anglicans. A law passed in held that only marriages performed by an Anglican clergyman were legal. Dissenters might be denied the right of burial in a churchyard, they might receive discriminatory consideration in a court of law, and Dissenters had to pay a special tax. Values, Crime and Punishment People in Britain drank, gambled and fought duels. Moralists worried about the rise in sexual promiscuity and a decline in family values. They preached on the need for women to resist men inflamed by libertine principles and pornographic literature and the need for women to remain virgins until marriage. A German visitor to London complained of passing a "lewd female" every ten yards on a December evening along Fleet Street, including girl prostitutes as young as twelve. The Church of England asked the Secretary of State to "stop the progress of this vile Book, which is an open insult upon Religion and good manners. In London were habitual offenders and gangs of delinquent youths. Responding to crime, politicians made more offenses punishable by death. Capital crimes numbered in the dozens, including horse and sheep stealing and shoplifting to the value of five shillings. But rather than being hanged, many deemed guilty of a capital crime were sent to the Americas. English Law English law was a gathering of complexities and contradictions void of elegant simplicity. The influence of Roman law on English law remained a rumor. Roman law was used only occasionally as a mere ornament for jurists. Law in England was drawn from English experience, and it was criticized for its anomalies, complexity, uncertainties, its slowness, its tedious forms and its confounding of simple matters into confusing language that helped enrich lawyers at the expense of honest people. Americans who first learned law by reading Blackstone include Alexander Hamilton and Abraham Lincoln. In the mids, a lawyer named William Blackstone made a name for himself writing about English law. He tried to put law into conformity with science and the age of reason. British law and liberty he wrote was the "noblest inheritance of mankind. In other words, Blackstone approved of law that held that a wife had no right to own property in her own name and that the wages she earned belonged to her husband. Blackstone claimed that the power of parliament was absolute. Elsewhere in his work he claimed that the legislature could not destroy human rights. He advanced the use of such phrases as crimes and misdemeanors, ex-post facto law, due process and judicial power. Blackstone denounced slavery as inimical to "natural rights" and to British law. He advanced the idea that the instant any slave landed in England he or she should be ruled as free. Acting on general principles of "God-given right," English law, he claimed, protected "a Jew, a Turk or a heathen as well as to those who press the true religion of Christ.