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Research Report

Topic 1: Spearheading campaigns against the censorship of education.



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Introduction

Within this research report there will be an in depth discussion and analysis of how several campaigns have helped decrease the censorship of education. The research report will uncover how number of educated people have increased and how the task is being completed.

Key terms

Here are the key terms within the topic to help delegates understand the intent of the report-

Campaigns- A campaign is any series of actions or events that are meant to achieve a particular result¹

Censorship- Censorship blocks something from being read, heard, or seen.²

Education- Process where you learn something new³

Unemployment- Unemployment refers to not having a job

Background information

Education is a component which is necessary for a country's growth and development, education is having access to learn something new. With the access to learn something new, students or former students can take their knowledge or skills with them, and find a job, earn money and live a desirable life.

The key factor which correlates to a lack of education is having a high unemployment rate. A high unemployment rate means that a large number of a population don't have a job and furthermore don't earn a salary to support themselves or family.

However, unemployment isn't solely due to person's lack of education, because in many countries around the world, people don't get the opportunity to go to school, due to a lack of money, or lack of schools within their area.

A lack of education can become visible overtime in many countries. For example, let us look at South Africa. In the 3rd quarter of 2023 South Africa had a 31.9% unemployment which is one of the highest in the world.⁴ This unemployment rate correlates to how many people

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<https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/campaign#:~:text=A%20campaign%20is%20any%20series,buy%20bubble%20gum%2Dflavored%20toothpaste.>

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<https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/censorship#:~:text=Censorship%20blocks%20something%20from%20being,it%20that%20are%20considered%20unacceptable.>

³ <https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/education>

⁴ <https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/statistics-south-africa-quarterly-labour-force-survey-quarter-three-2023-14#:~:text=This%20resulted%20in%20a%20net,the%20third%20quarter%20of%202023.>

South Africa have educated, as 18.3 million out of 60.4 ⁵million South Africans as of 2023 aren't educated, which for measure is around 30.3%.

On the other hand, look at Japan, who are a much more educated country therefore their unemployment rate is one of the lowest in the world sitting at just 2.5% ⁶. This is due to Japan's high education rate which sits at 65% ⁷ as of 2023.

Overall, the discussed campaigns are crucial, as assuring better education will grant many people the ability to earn a stable income. Furthermore, education isn't crucial to just a specific person, but an entire nation, as by being educated, a person can find a job, and therefore pay taxes, which a government can use, to benefit a country, which overall can provoke a positive feedback loop within a country.

Within a nation, the number of people paying taxes, can determine a country's ability to grow and develop itself into a developed country. Therefore, education is the benchmark for a country's growth and development, as it interferes with many features in a country.

Major Countries and Organisations Involved

Most countries will always aim, so have the best educational system possible for their citizens, as it not only assures the citizens, but helps benefit the country in the long run.

NAMIBIA-

From UNESCO research, in 2020 Namibia applied nearly 10% of their GDP into developing their educational system. Namibia was the highest spender in all of Africa, as they seemed determined to diminish censorship of education⁸

BOLIVIA-

As well as Namibia, Bolivia nearly spent 10% of their GDP on building schools. Bolivia were also the highest spenders on education within South America.⁹

GREENLAND-

In 2020, Greenland was the country who spent the most amount of money on education, as they spent over 10% of their countries GDP and applied it into education.¹⁰

⁵ [https://www.southafricanmi.com/education-statistics.html#:~:text=18%20April%202023%3A%2018.3%20million,education%20or%20employment%20\(N%20EET\).](https://www.southafricanmi.com/education-statistics.html#:~:text=18%20April%202023%3A%2018.3%20million,education%20or%20employment%20(N%20EET).)

⁶ <https://www.fxempire.com/macro/japan/unemployment-rate#:~:text=Japan's%20unemployment%20rate%20stood%20at,month%20and%20matching%20market%20forecasts.>

⁷ <https://www.jagranjosh.com/general-knowledge/list-of-most-educated-countries-in-the-world-1699008318-1>

⁸ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/8/back-to-school-which-countries-spend-the-most-on-education-2>

⁹ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/8/back-to-school-which-countries-spend-the-most-on-education-2>

¹⁰ <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2023/9/8/back-to-school-which-countries-spend-the-most-on-education-2>

However, note that the tax revenue differs from country to country, and that percentage of GDP does not necessarily correlate to a large quantity of money, also in terms of the size of the country, such an amount may not have a noticeable difference.

Relevant UN Resolutions

The UN are carrying out many campaigns to try and help stop the censorship of education. The UN states that they are heavily involved in try to give quality education to refugees. The UN state they plan to have 15% of refugees in high education by 2030.¹¹

Additionally, the UN plan to work towards this % whilst operating the the SDG's (sustainable development goals)

Furthermore, the UN are approaching countries and advising them to help fund the development of schools. This is being done online, and in person where they will promote their cause in hopes of receiving funds¹².

One of the UN's SDP is "Quality Education", and assures that they hope by 2030 they can meet there goal, and if not, they hope to have still made substantial progress in improving education around the world.

Previous attempts to solve the issue

Solving the problem of lack of education, is something which requires pure funding, and in order for the UN to make a noticeable impact they need a large amount. Meaning that a huge amount of fundraiser is necessary to meet the goal.

The UN states that SDG 4 "quality education is crucial and is a big goal as it will help them achieve further goals.

However, it was massively slowed down due to COVID-19 and therefore they have had to set back their SDG 4 benchmark.

Overall, the UN have provided large amounts of funding to try and ensure free primary and secondary school education. However, this isn't enough and they still estimate that, 300 million children will still lack education by 2030.¹³

Possible Solutions

Achieving a lack of censorship towards education is something which will take a long time; however, it still means that the world needs to stay persistent to meeting the goal.

The solution to education comes through generating money, therefore, the UN should continue to operate their fundraisers. And furthermore, I believe governments should also contribute to setting up fundraisers, or setting up more campaigns to help raise money towards making education more accessible for all.

¹¹ <https://www.un.org/en/academic-impact/unhcrunai-virtual-event-together-we-learn>

¹² <https://www.un.org/en/transforming-education-summit/financing-education>

¹³ <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/education/>

Lastly, despite the cost, I believe governments, should fund more public schools, meaning the costs aren't as expensive and in some cases the education which is granted can be free.

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