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Posted by Peter Lawrence - 2010/01/27 21:17

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So let's be generous, round up, and ask whether nine employees were doing ninety percent of the work at that company. What were the other seventy-four employees doing? The other 10% of the work. Which group are you in? Most of the time, in the the 10-20% minority that does the majority of the work overall. That said, I've also been assigned to projects where I didn't have a whole lot to do, and other employees did the majority of the work because the project manager assigned them the majority of the tasks. - Peter

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So I'm sorry that my state does not provide for its schoolchildren or medically indigent but they are not trustworthy with my money to provide for the needy, since their history is they skim 85% of it away to line their own pockets. I am far better off voting down taxes and donating what I've saved to charity, thus bypassing the giant suction machine, and so at least the money I expend goes where it is needed. Or when it comes to education, donating money for scholarships to private schools, where teachers tend to be paid less, but the students get a better education overall, especially minority students. - Peter

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There are situations that work for people. Find them, and quit with all the extreme dogma. I'm not claiming it's easy, but it's not as hopeless as you're suggesting. Are you so blind as to not realize when the teacher has to spend half the class time dealing with behavior problems to not realize that the other students are being cheated out of learning? Or are you so focused on the needs of the one you can't see anything but that. Why do you think that kids graduating public school today have to spend the first year in college taking remedial courses? Nah, you won't get that.

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Better for the tards but it drops the score of the rest of the kids by 50 points with all the disruptions to the classroom. Or it just plain slows thing down. There was this one kid in my 8th grade class who wasn't retarded, but just plain dumb. He wasn't issued a full seabag. The teacher was always having to stop and answer his stupid questions when everyone else was ready to move on. I can well imagine how bad that sort of thing would get with an actual 'tard in the classroom. Geoff

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Regardless of what you think of how low potential kids affect others, which I think is way off, it's still a major difference between cultivating these kids to be able to be (modest) contributors to the economy versus being unable to do that. I'd think that segregating those kids in a separate special ed class would more effectively cultivate them to be contributors to the economy by allowing them to learn at their own pace, with the added advantage of their not slowing down or disrupting the normal kids. Geoff

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Do you want to send me my check for saving society X dollars? Man, you believe that and at your child's expense? That's beyond being Polyannaish, that's being a sap. No amount of X dollars is worth my child's well being. Ciccio

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It takes a \*year\* before those people even \*look\* at it. Well when they decided to open a new middle school, which had previously been an elementary school, they did build some new buildings, including the only two story building on any middle school campus in the district. IIRC, it did not take years, it took less than a year, but it was likely in the planning stages for a while. I guess it's different when you're opening a new school (or a refurbished one) rather than just adding on to a school that's already open, though the elementary school near us did build several new buildings (library, computer lab, science lab, admin building) which allowed those functions to move out of existing classrooms. Still they ended up adding eight portables as our city council pandered to their developer buddies and rezoned commercial land for high density housing without considering the impact on schools and other services. Some of the schools have so many portables that they also added portable restroom buildings, but my favorite addition was the portable trees, <http://i50.tinypic.com/dlqes9.jpg>. We used that photo in one of our campaign mailers that we sent out in our successful attempt to overturn more rezoning for more high-density housing. No one was against housing per se, but most people didn't want to build more housing without a plan to build more schools.

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Of course the shortsightedness of the school district, in selling several school properties to developers, has led to severe overcrowding at the remaining schools, with portables filling what used to be playing fields and blacktops. Luckily, our school district was wise enough not to sell off school sites they didn't need anymore, although lease conditions and such do make reopening them less than an easy process. My son spent a couple of years of his childhood at a school site where all the classes were in portables, and there was no outdoor play space (because the portables were sitting on it). It was miserable, but it did pass, and was due to a nice remodel.

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Why do you think that kids graduating public school today have to spend the first year in college taking remedial courses? There's some of that. Most of it is with kids who would not, under previous social conditions, be attending college at all. If you're suggesting that this phenomenon is caused in large part by mainstreaming, then I think you're really out of touch.

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I'd think that segregating those kids in a separate special ed class would more effectively cultivate them to be contributors to the economy by allowing them to learn at their own pace, with the added advantage of their not slowing down or disrupting the normal kids. For children who, by high school, clearly are not going to be able to complete many of the standards, it's common for them to do \*both\*. They have their time to themselves to help with skills that they still need to learn, and they have time in the regular classes to get acclimated to that sort of thing. Sometimes students are in these classes, trying as hard as they can, getting Fs or maybe being thrilled if they get a D, and it's still better for them than not trying at all. I have actual experience with this stuff. (Crazy that I feel a need to say it.)

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There were also separate schools for retarded kids back then. There still are, but for those kids who are able, it's usually considered better to expose them to a more mainstream environment now. Better for the tards but it drops the score of the rest of the kids by 50 points with all the disruptions to the classroom. One of the sadder things I saw was many years ago at my daughter's soccer game one Saturday. She was probably ten. My wife pointed out a child on the sidelines and said that she was a full inclusion student at the local school, in first grade. I think that's the same as mainstreaming. She was in a stroller, which was way too small for her, but worked. My wife told me that her older sister was on my daughter's team. The stroller had been placed so the child could easily see the game. I have no idea if she was watching, or how much she understood. She just flapped her arms and legs, seemingly randomly. She also made strange unintelligible noises, not screaming, but not soft either, for the entire game, probably an hour including both halves and the half time in between. By the end of the game, I was getting irritated. It was \*so\* important to the parents that this kid be included in a regular classroom, full time, but nobody interacted with this kid for even one single second the whole hour. I haven't seen one of these children in a classroom. My wife has seen many. Each full inclusion child, generally only one in a classroom, has a full time aid. That's nice, but it is costing the district a pretty penny. If the child gets too disruptive to the class the aid removes the kid. My wife said they are not generally able to disrupt the class. After a very few days, the other students just tune them out. I don't know how much some of these full inclusion kids are getting out of this. Certainly, the other kids in the class are learning how to deal with people who are severely disabled. That's a good skill to have.

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My middle daughter sat next to a girl with severe behavioral problems all through first grade. I never complained. I knew my daughter could handle it, and I also worried about that girl making it into society. Most parents probably would've complained. You fuckin' A! My Gawd, no way in hell I'd sacrifice my child's well being for some other kid. That is so antithetical to the duty of a parent. Especially, when a child is at that young helpless age. No way in hell I'd sacrifice my young child for the greater good. That borders on being barbaric. It smacks of some human sacrifice mentality...offering your child up to please the gods. Interesting comment. How many kids do you have, and what ages? After my kid had served a year in that situation, I might try to make sure that some \*other\* kids had the opportunity, but I think it's still a learning experience. Of course, it all depends, on several things. If my kid isn't getting an education that year, it's time for a talk with the school.

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My son spent a couple of years of his childhood at a school site where all the classes were in portables, and there was no outdoor play space (because the portables were sitting on it). It was miserable, but it did pass, and was due to a nice remodel. What did one portable say to the other portable? Meet you on the playground.

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