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Does school stifle creativity?

School kills creativity. Schools have been unchanged since the industrial age, and the system is designed perfectly for factory workers to obey the rules so as to maximize productivity in factories back then in the industrial revolution.

For many reasons, schools have not evolved much and have remained like a time capsule from the past. While carrier pigeons and horse carts turned into cell phones and sound breaking cars, schools have remained to be a system of 4 walls, 8 hours, 5 days a week and endless feeding of mindless information. The individualism of a child's creative mind is calculated by the computer running the system by the index of 1s and 0s, and the future of a person's life is defined by the index of positive and negative. The system simply does not allow space for creative output and it only produces mindless zombies who cannot apply any of the skills they have learned in textbooks. We are not allowed to experience the real world with our hands and hearts but can only see it through the narrow lens of the educational system.

The fundamental properties of what we define as schools contradicts with what creative output requires to exist. Schools define each and every unique potential human being as numbers and statistics. 20 years of imprisonment, a handshake and a certificate are what we define as a new member of the society. The so-called builder of the new world. Teens were put into a cubicle in an office with another 4 walls for the rest of their lives once they graduated, wasted for the sake of productivity and maintaining social structure. We are human beings, not human doings, no one should ever waste their life over constant consumption. This parasitic relationship will end itself eventually if unchanged.

It is not impossible to renew the system, and we do not even need to think of a new complicated method to sustain the present education. The internet already provides an endless amount of ideas, information, innovation and all sorts of things that could easily inspire anyone if you look for it. Many times the most knowledge a person gain from is on the Internet, not from school. Information related to language, communication, culture, ideologies and many different aspects, which are suitable for a typical millennial learner, are most likely available online. With some clever ingenuity, we could come up with a

system that sets a baseline of knowledge in every member of a society while allowing maximum creative output in a community. The education bureau is afraid of change and reformation, but in a new age of rapid transformation, moving forward is the only way to stay alive. It is better to move now than never.

The new world we now live in needs creative ideas more than ever. Robots could already do our repetitive jobs and it is not about the question of if, but a question of when. There are plenty of innovations out there waiting for us to explore, galaxies to venture to, stars awaiting for our arrival, planets to accost and colonize, technological breakthroughs waiting to be discovered, lives to be saved. In this new world, we must stop our rapid racing and reflect on our past, to understand the situation we are in, and change for the better.