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Discuss Saree Makdisi's Nov. 17 Op-Ed article

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Talk about a self serving opinion. It would be easy to raise our taxes to pay for Sacramento's(which the majority are liberals) irresponsible fiscal management. The more tax money Sacramento receives, the faster they burn through it. Besides, education is not the only one having a tough time right now.

Marty @ 1:31 AM PST, Nov 19, 2008

We have been spending a tremendous amount on higher education. According to this argument we should have a huge budget surplus paid by all the people who have been educated in the past. Maybe it doesn't work because we teach the wrong things like comparative literature instead of engineering.

devils advocate @ 3:00 PM PST, Nov 18, 2008

There's no money. High taxes are causing the working wealthy to leave the state in droves. We pay so many millions to feed, house and educate illegal aliens, and now we're told there's not enough to educate our own kids. There is so much wasted in what we send to the government. Take out our trash and keep the water coming --it's all government's good for.

sick of it @ 10:31 AM PST, Nov 18, 2008

Cut backs on student enrollment means future budget cuts because enrollment will be lower. Classes are being cut already across the board along with other areas like tutoring services to students. Overall the quality of U.S. education has fallen way below standards. Cutting back funding only hurts it even more. If people want this country to progress forward, priority should be placed on education (all levels)like it was 50 - 60 yrs ago. We students need to get together and send a message that education should have the highest priority!

CSU Student @ 9:51 AM PST, Nov 18, 2008

Education is increasingly becoming a privilege instead of a right. We as students are suffering simply for having the prospect of wanting to further ourselves in a society that now demands more education than ever in order to stay competitive. The burden lies on the students who have been paying astronomical fees since the early 2000's, all for a quality of education that has remained stagnant. California taxpayers need to realize the importance of this investment and be open to some sort of new tax plan.

Victor Sanchez @ 8:10 PM PST, Nov 17, 2008

I think few people realize what an economic driver education is. Not only is it a major industry in its own right, but some of our most important businesses depend on great schools. How did California become the high-tech leader of the world? Counter-cyclical education spending probably has the greatest multiplier effect down the line of any infrastructure investment. We can't afford NOT to invest in education!

Jim S @ 7:39 PM PST, Nov 17, 2008

As a native California, born in 1932, I was educated in Los Angeles Unified School District. California schools were always scholastically behind most schools in the nation, so my parents put me in Catholic school, which was a year advanced at that time. California has always been the wealthiest state in the US, so why the scholastic deficiency? The next generation of young people should not be short changed because government can't manage to operate "lean and mean" in any economy, let alone the one we are facing. Government's purpose is to collect taxes and provide services to taxpayers. Cut government first.

Redhead @ 6:37 PM PST, Nov 17, 2008

Our public school system is a joke. Ask anyone who goes to public school and they'll tell you it has nothing to do with the teachers or or how much money is spent on us. We don't care about school and why should we?

AG @ 3:59 PM PST, Nov 17, 2008

Why is it these sorts of editorials never seem to be authored by Professors of Chemical Engineering? Hmmmm...

Overtaxed @ 3:56 PM PST, Nov 17, 2008

8 year old autistic boy kicked out of is school because parents moved several blocks out of school area. no adjustment assistance was given or offered. He has no program as of now

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