

* *The Subtle Subversion: The State of Curricula and Textbooks in Pakistan*

This report is the result of a study by **Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI)** with the help of a number of educationists and concerned citizens, SDPI , Islamabad, 2002; updated August 2006.

http://www.sdpi.org/whats_new/reporton/State%20of%20Curr&TextBooks.pdf

* *The South Asian Idea* – a weblog

An e-learning resource for college students in South Asia to promote critical thinking based on contextually relevant content. <http://thesouthasianidea.com>

* *Acts against the education of slaves – South Carolina, 1740 and Virginia, 1819*

Fearing that literacy among slaves would prove a threat to the slavery system, the masters in many colonies instituted laws forbidding slaves to learn to read or write and making it a crime for others to teach them. (Slavery & the Making of America, PBS)

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/experience/education/docs1.html>

* *The digital war on poverty* - Jeffrey Sachs

Thanks to market forces, even the world's poorest people are beginning to benefit from the flow of digital information.

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2008/aug/21/digitalmedia.mobilephones>

“... digital information technologies, if deployed cooperatively and globally, will be our most important new tools, because they will enable us to join together globally in markets, social networks, and cooperative efforts to solve our common problems.”

* *Education for All in Pakistan: Key Issues*

A Background Paper for the Political Leadership of Pakistan, published by **Pakistan Institute of Legislative Development And Transparency (PILDAT)**

<http://www.pildat.org/publications/publication/EFA/Education%20APC%20English.pdf>

* *Human Development Report 2004 – Cultural Liberty in Today’s Diverse World*

published by the **United Nations Development Programme**

http://hdr.undp.org/en/media/hdr04_complete.pdf

* *Education Reform in Pakistan*

A Report for Congress by **Congressional Research Service**, December 23, 2004.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/40145.pdf>

* *NGOs put more Pakistanis in school* – article in **Christian Science Monitor**,

September 17, 2008. <http://www.csmonitor.com/2008/0917/p07s02-wosc.html>

* *Pakistani School System Highlights Wealth Gap* – read article by Bilal Qureshi in **National Public Radio**, February 25, 2008.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=19333953>

“... as many as 30 percent of Pakistani students now attend private schools.”

* *Pakistani School System Highlights Wealth Gap* [Audio]

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to Bilal Qureshi’s report on NPR

<http://www.npr.org/templates/player/mediaPlayer.html?action=1&t=1&islist=false&id=19333953&m=19333933>

“... one of Pakistan’s fastest growing industries: private education.”

* *Macaulay’s Children* – editorial in *Current Science*, October 10, 2001

<http://www.ias.ac.in/currsci/oct102001/733.pdf>

“Are we to keep the people of India ignorant in order that we may keep them submissive? Or do we think that we can give them knowledge without awakening ambition?” - Lord Macaulay, speech to British Parliament, 1833

* *In Defense of Macaulay* - a blog post from TheSouthAsianIdea

<http://thesouthasianidea.wordpress.com/2008/10/19/in-defense-of-lord-macaulay/>

“In fairness, we cannot blame Macaulay for this failure. Where is the post-Independence Minute on Education that would have righted Macaulay’s wrongs and created the class of educated South Asians that we claim to desire? Sixty years after the departure of the British almost half of South Asia remains illiterate and the vast majority of the rest have to be satisfied with indoctrination instead of education.”

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EDUCATION AGENCIES & NGOs

* National Education Foundation, Islamabad, Pakistan www.nef.org.pk

* Human Development Foundation of N. America (HDF) www.hdf.com

* Developments in Literacy (DiL) www.DiL.org

* Central Asia Institute (CAI) www.ikat.org

* The Citizens Foundation, Pakistan www.TheCitizensFoundation.org

* The Citizens Foundation, USA www.tcfusa.org

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