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Letter to the Editor

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Subject: Reflecting on John MacMurray's Essay on US Education

Dear Sir,

I agree with John's points, but I think there is more to be said. For example, the subject of geography has disappeared from most curricula. Our students don't know where countries are or what their values and behaviors are. Also, the subject of history is almost a lost art. Literature has been dumbed down, and comparative religion is a no no. In short, the richness of civilization is largely ignored in our public school system. It was not always this way. Could we consider as a starting point a resurrection and review of the methods and content of our public schools' agenda of, say 50 years ago and build and improve from that?

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