

The Amazing Benefits of Critical Thinking!

The rewards available to Critical Thinkers are simply stupendous!



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Although **America's Number One problem** affects EVERYTHING, *it is rarely discussed.*

Every day we are bombarded by non-sensical words and actions by many of our representatives, our government agencies, the news media, organizations, businesses, celebrities, etc., as well as family and friends! Is it possible that all these people have the same disease? YES, it's not only possible, it was 100% predictable.

They all have **Adult Critical Thinking Deficiency (ACTD)**, which is infectious (then known as *groupthink*). So far the medical profession has not promoted an ACTD vaccine. As with many medical ailments, the optimal solution is *not to get it in the first place*. To assure that, there is a K-12 education preventative...

Properly teaching **Critical Thinking** in K-12, is the single, most impactful societal change that needs to be made in our school system. Other than having a reasonable proficiency in the **Three Rs**, assuring that High School graduates have the ability to do (and interest in) **Critical Thinking** is the most consequential part of the education process. However, despite a lot of **assurances** and **platitudes**, this is NOT being done!

“Education is not learning facts, but training the mind to think” is really about Critical Thinking – and that is the conclusion from **Einstein**, not me.

Critical Thinking is a **skill set**, not something that can be learned and perfected by osmosis. It's like cooking: with the proper training *anyone* can be a good cook.

Yet the same State education departments that have special **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** **emphasis**, SEL training for teachers, *and* weekly SEL classes for students, have nothing remotely similar for the FAR more important **Critical Thinking!** By and large, the claim that “we are teaching your children how to be critical thinkers” is simply not true.

Just some of the numerous personal benefits that K-12 students could profit from by being properly taught Critical Thinking are:

- 1) Critical Thinking students will **learn all** of the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) **stated objectives** – *so that is no longer needed,*
- 2) Critical Thinking students will make more informed **personal medical decisions,**
- 3) Critical Thinking students will be more **motivated** across the board,
- 4) Critical Thinking students will be more **creative** (which is a **superpower**),
- 5) Critical Thinking students will be more **independent** (a key part of maturity),
- 6) Critical Thinking students will do much better at **managing their time,**
- 7) Critical Thinking students will have **better interpersonal relationships,**
- 8) Critical Thinking minorities will have a **more level playing field,**
- 9) graduates who went on to college will be less susceptible to **indoctrination,**

- 10) graduates (esp. economically deprived) will have the tools to **financially succeed**,
 - 11) graduates will easily adapt to rapidly changing **employment situations**,
 - 12) graduates will more effectively **manage their financial resources**,
 - 13) graduates will be much better at **maintaining their health**,
 - 14) graduates will more likely choose a **superior spiritual path**,
 - 15) graduates will be much better at picking a **compatible spouse**,
 - 16) graduates will be more effective at parenting their children (*per a private communication with parenting guru, John Rosemond*),
 - 17) graduates will make **more informed voting choices**,
 - 18) graduates will be **more actively participating citizens**, and be less likely to have their rights and freedoms extracted by government over-reach,
 - 19) graduates will be less susceptible to being tricked by **AI perversions** or **scams** by bad actors,
 - 20) graduates will be **happier** (e.g., as they have more control over their lives),
- Etc.

Additionally, there would be numerous **societal benefits** from having more Critical Thinking adult citizens. For example, Critical Thinking has been called “**the basis for science and democracy**.” Other examples are:

- 1) more meaningful and productive citizen discussions of societal issues,
 - 2) more cooperation on national issues like energy policy, etc,
 - 3) better stewards of the environment,
 - 4) less societal discord and confrontation,
 - 5) more competent and responsible representatives would be elected,
 - 6) a much better chance of America maintaining its position of leadership,
- Etc.

All-in-all, the personal and societal benefits are unparalleled!

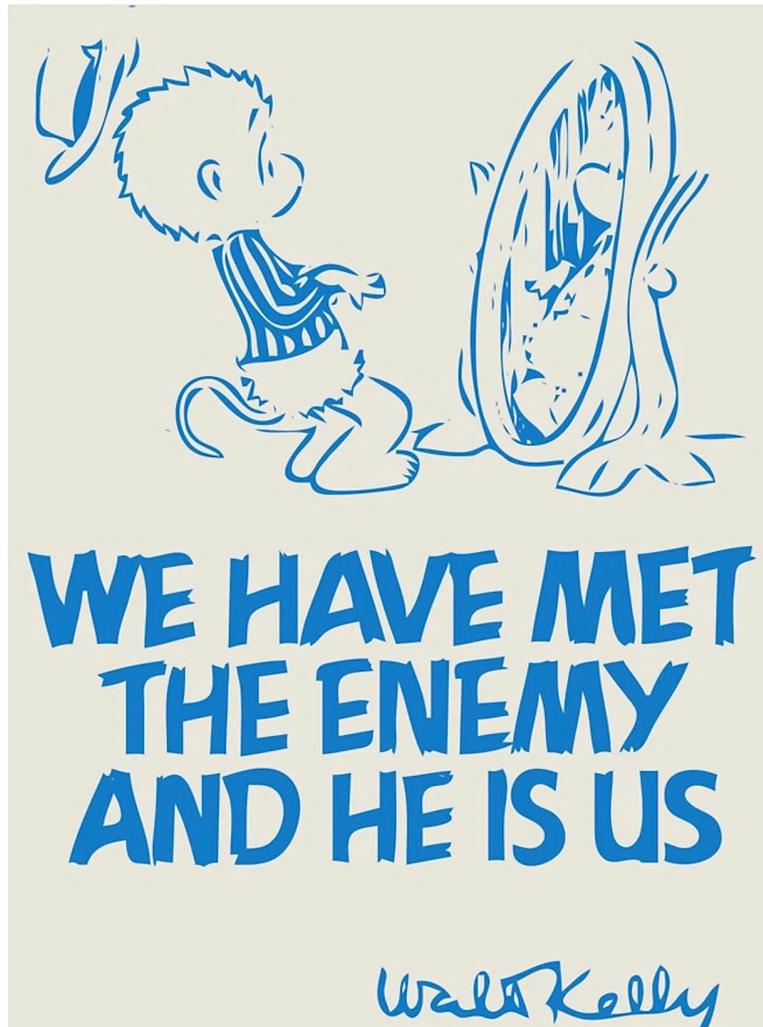
Critical Thinking is the Most Powerful, Least Expensive, Widest Impact solution to an extraordinary collection of personal and societal issues – *with NO DOWNSIDE!*

Some have given up on the public school system, for understandable reasons. One common refrain is: “There are too many problems to fix.” However, astounding improvements can be made to our K-12 system by just properly addressing ONE thing: **Critical Thinking**.

Another huge benefit is that this is essentially a no-financial-cost solution. Existing K-12 school resources and priorities simply need to be redirected and modified. It can (and should) start immediately.

All that's needed is a commitment (from educators, legislators, parents, citizens, etc.) to focus on this one **phenomenally powerful solution**.

What's stopping us – *other than us?*



PS - Some sample worthwhile reading on this topic:

- [Six Benefits of Critical Thinking and Why They Matter](#)
- [11 Benefits of Critical Thinking That Rapidly Improve Your Life](#)
- [What Are Critical Thinking Skills and Why Are They Important?](#)
- [Why Is Critical Thinking Important? A Survival Guide](#)
- [Harvard School of Education: Developing Critical Thinking](#)
- [Why We Must Always Teach Critical Thinking](#)
- [What Is Critical Thinking and Why Do We Need To Teach It?](#)
- [Critical thinking in teacher education: where do we stand and where can we go](#)
- [How to Teach Critical Thinking: Lesson Plans for Teachers](#)
- [Developing Your Critical Thinking Skills](#)

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