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## THE REAL NEED FOR EDUCATION REFORM

The need for a reform of our education system can be summed up in three quotes.

The first quote is from Benjamin Franklin

As he just emerged from the Constitutional Convention in 1789, a woman asked Benjamin Franklin what type of government the American people were going to have; Benjamin Franklin replied "A republic, madam, if you can keep it."

The second quote comes from Ronald Reagan in 1983

President Ronald Reagan's "A Nation at Risk: The Imperative for Educational Reform" stated "If an unfriendly foreign power had attempted to impose on America the mediocre educational performance that exists today, we might well have viewed it as an act of war."

The third quote comes from Jiang Qian head of the Chinese Workers Party in 2020.

After taking over the free country previously known as the United States of America, he stated "Why burn the books, they're too stupid to read"

OK I made up that third one. However, the sorry state of our education system in America has made our populace fertile ground for a bloodless takeover of our liberties. If we are "too stupid to read books about our rights", how can we defend our liberties? The answer is we can't and the proof is that we already have given far too much unconstitutional authority to our government. If the Congressional approval ratings are around 11% and we are a Republic as Franklin stated, meaning we have a representative type of government, what does that say about our own approval ratings? Are we not at 11%, as well? We need to reform our education system now. This call has been repeated many times since Ronald Reagan said it in 1983. If we have indeed recognized the need to reform our education system over 30 years ago, why have we not done so? What is holding us back? We are far behind every major Western and Asian country in the world in math and science. Everyone who has ever taken a class in real algebra knows that to get a correct answer you have to solve an equation. This requires not only Math, but logic as well. If our students can't master Algebraic Math how can they make logical decisions? Free people are Free because they think.