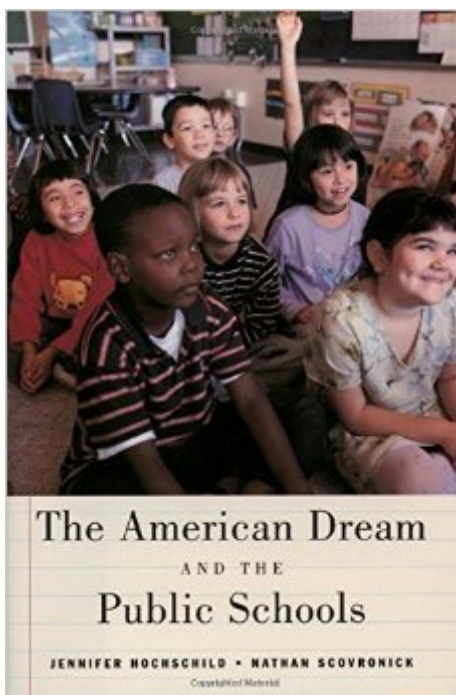


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# The American Dream And The Public Schools



## Synopsis

The American Dream and the Public Schools examines issues that have excited and divided Americans for years, including desegregation, school funding, testing, vouchers, bilingual education, and ability grouping. While these are all separate problems, much of the contention over them comes down to the same thing--an apparent conflict between policies designed to promote each student's ability to succeed and those designed to insure the good of all students or the nation as a whole. The authors show how policies to promote individual success too often benefit only those already privileged by race or class, and often conflict with policies that are intended to benefit everyone. They propose a framework that builds on our nation's rapidly changing population in order to help Americans get past acrimonious debates about schooling. Their goal is to make public education work better so that all children can succeed.

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This book is about contemporary issues in education. The authors are somewhat conservative in comparison to most authors I've read in education. Not too worry they are still fairly liberal. They are just more skeptical (I think healthily) of the excesses of Multiculturalism. They cover the issues of education with a writing style that is much better than the textbooks I have had to read. The material is more meaty than most textbooks I've read in education with policy wonk detail and realism but in an easy to digest format. Its writing was not insipidly inspirational like a lot of texts I have had to read for my classes. It is not a chicken soup for the soul or any drivel like that but a real book on education. It was one of the few education textbooks I enjoyed.

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