



Inequalities in Education

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Description: This is a conversation about inequities in education. It was originally one piece of a three part series on Inequities: Healthcare, Housing and Education, however can be a stand alone conversation. This guide will explore how race, social status, or other factors may contribute to inequities.

Estimated time: 90 minutes

(1) Getting acquainted and comfortable

5 - 10 min.

Welcome

- Thank you for coming...
- We are a part of The Great Reset, which was born out of a shift we're seeing in our country. We have been in a place where we don't tend to speak 'beyond our bubbles' and across perspectives. The Great Reset has been opening up a grey space for such conversations since 2018. You are now part of keeping the conversation going and we thank you.

The Pillars of The Great Reset

- To share our own thoughts and perspectives with humility
- To learn from others and listen with respect

Ground Rules

- Every comment is valid and deserving of respect
- We show respect by speaking one at a time, putting our phones on silent and staying engaged, even when we are not speaking
- In the interest of time, I may cut in to ask you to 'top-line' something if we need to move on. This means simply offer up a synopsis of your thoughts and speak in bullets, not paragraphs

Confidentiality

I would like a verbal from everyone that you are here of your own volition and out of respect for one another I would ask you to keep what others say in this room unless they give you permission otherwise. (go around and get verbal agreement). Further, you agree to adhere to

the principles outlined already: to deliver your perspectives bound to the principles of respect, to **listen with humility and offer grace to others who are sharing this space.**

Personal Introductions

Please share your name, where you live, and something about you we couldn't google, or your favorite food, a show you binge watch, etc.

*****Remember to ask to record and PRESS RECORD*****

(2) Funding Education in America

20 - 25 min.

- What do you feel are the major inequities or inequalities in education?
- Many public schools are funded via property taxes. Is this fair, and why or why not?
- What are alternatives to public school funding?
- How do you feel about vouchers? Should vouchers be used for private or religious schools? Do vouchers impact public schools? How?
- How do you feel about for-profit charters receiving taxpayer dollars?

(3) Admissions

20 - 25 min.

- What is the most fair way to determine admittance to a specific school or college?
- What, if any, admissions criteria currently used, are not fair?
- How do you feel about affirmative action in admissions? Is it necessary to correct past discrimination or to build diversity?
- How do you feel about the use of standardized tests such as the SAT, ACT or GRE in admissions? Are these types of standardized tests discriminatory; why or why not?

(4) Suggestions

10 - 15 min.

- Anything you wish was different when you went through school? When you put someone else through school?

(5) Closing Comments

5 - 10 min.

- Do you have any additional comments or questions about this topic?

Survey Link: <https://forms.gle/o3suJTwkzCrcRHuD9>

****Note this conversation was one of a three part Series on Inequities. The other two guides from The Series are Inequities in Healthcare and Inequities in Housing.**