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Comments on Weiner, Resnick and Scientific Debate

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Abstract
Lois Weiner (2003) and Lauren Resnick (2003) have advanced substantially different views of the success of the reforms undertaken by Community School District Two (CSD2) in New York city. Weiner's position vis a vis District Two has probably conferred a greater measure of objectivity to her views. Criticisms of scholarly work, even when sharply worded, are neither personal nor unscientific; indeed they are quite common in all the sciences.

Lois Weiner, Lauren Resnick, and the Archives are to be commended for initiating a public peer-reviewed debate on the studies used to support what is unfortunately called "reform" education, fuzzy math and whole language reading. As is becoming clear nationally, statistics about educational programs are not always what they seem. The scientific method includes the axiom that adversarial scrutiny of data is the only path to correct conclusions. Researchers challenging fuzzy math have often been denied access to education journals and their criticisms have gone unanswered and unrecognized in the education community (See the web site http://mathematicallycorrect.com for instances of this.)

Another axiom of scientific objectivity is that the most reliable evidence for a
particular reform is not likely to be from the proponents of that reform. In medical practice, for example, a new procedure must be tested in clinical trials by researchers other than those who propose it before it is accepted. Precisely because Weiner was not involved in implementing the District 2 reforms, her analysis of the results is less likely to be biased, though it might be biased for other reasons.

Anyone who actually lived in District 2 and had children in District 2 schools during the period in question—as I did—would be aware of the huge shift in demographics that Weiner pointed out. For one thing, at least two new schools serving well the "well-to-do" (PS 234 and PS 98/IS 89) began operations. Moreover, a number of magnet schools (Lab, Salk, School of the Future, etc.) began drawing top students from throughout the city. It would have been more informative to present results from individual schools whose student populations were more stable. Having seen such data but not having access to them now, I do not recall that it was nearly as positive as the overall numbers quoted by Resnick.

It is hard to agree with Resnick’s complaints about the tone of Weiner’s article. Criticism of the structure of a scientific study is not a personal attack on the ethics of the researchers. Scientific journals that engage in debate, such as Physical Review Letters, regularly use such language. The fact that scientific opinions are colored by personal factors does not make them wrong. Having interacted with officials of District 2 over the years, I can testify that it is difficult to describe their actions dispassionately. Weiner has done remarkably well, given her conclusions.

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Teaching well is the most difficult work in the world. We make a great mistake with attempts to make it easy or happy. Happiness is not a worthy aim for education, nor is getting and holding a good job.
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