

**BEYOND THE CLASSROOM: THE UNSEEN IMPACT OF FAMILY
BACKGROUND ON CHILDREN'S EDUCATION**

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ABSTRACT

Many advancements, opportunities and easier life usually stems from education, an important field in the life of humanity. This is because, now many people are seeking to receive quality education regardless of their age, gender, and socio-economic status .This article analyses some of the core reasons of children's motivation to study , and gives two in- depth results of the exploration of the influence of family background on children's education .

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Education does play a role in many aspects of our lives. We can even consider it to be a pillar of our happy life in some cases .For this reason, many parents in many countries have been putting a strong emphasis on their children's education, thus securing better future for them. Childhood education not only affects the achievement and happiness at the individual level, but also shapes the labor force quality and capacity of innovation (Heckman 2011) to determine the potentiality of the development of a nation. With the spread of enforcement of compulsory education and the expansion of schools across China, the average schooling years of Chinese citizens has been improved significantly. In spite of this, due to the scarcity of educational resources and its unequal distribution, various conditions of education inequality has yet to be addressed and improved (Yang 2006). As a response, the national Council executive meeting of 2010 has passed the National Mid-and-long Term Education Development and Reform Plan, targeting “enhance educational equality, develop equal education opportunities that benefits the whole population”, which is listed among the most significant strategic development goals of the nation.

On the one hand, educational (in) equality may be rooted in institutional arrangement, i.e., its role of smoothing or even hampering the effect of family with different social economic status on educational opportunities. On the other hand, educational (in) equality is shaped by the different opportunities and capacities that families have in participation in education. Therefore, the relationship between family background and educational achievement has become a critical indicator in evaluating educational (in) equality. Past studies showed that since the Open and Reform of China, family social economic status has become increasingly important in determining

personal education achievement, which has not been dampened with the expansion of schools (Deng and Treiman 1997; Zhou et al. 1998; Li 2003, 2010; Li 2006; Liu 2008; Wu 2009; Wu 2013a; Li 2016). There might be several opinions about people who become successful with the help of education they received in their childhood. Almost every person thinks that these people studied very hard when they were a child but not every person thinks about the reasons behind their willingness to study in the way that was impossible for average people. Through this article, I will explore those reasons that are forgotten when it comes to judging educational achievements of children.

Socio economic status of a family

Numerous researchs, documentations and even real life situations have found that if children are from poor family background, they tend to show their full potential, studying hard and achieving their educational goals in life as in most cases the reason behind the poverty is a lack of education. They observe their parents and make decisions for themselves that they exactly do not want to live in the life in which their parents live. Thus, they mostly consider commitment, dedication, and consistency as a way out, focusing only on receiving education. Inspiring Success Stories: Overcoming Adversity through education. These individuals prove that with determination, hard work, and access to quality education, one can overcome any obstacle.

Oprah Winfrey: Born into poverty in rural Mississippi, Oprah Winfrey overcame a challenging childhood to become one of the most influential women in the world. Through her dedication to education, she earned a full scholarship to Tennessee State University, kick-starting her journey to becoming a media mogul, philanthropist, and advocate for education.

Barack Obama: Raised by a single mother in humble circumstances, Barack Obama's commitment to education propelled him to become the 44th President of the United States. He graduated from Columbia University and Harvard Law School, where he honed his skills and eventually made history.

Indra Nooyi: Growing up in a middle-class family in India, Indra Nooyi pursued higher education against societal norms. She earned a master's degree in business administration from Yale University, which set her on the path to becoming the CEO of PepsiCo, a Fortune 500 company.

Ursula Burns: Ursula Burns, the former CEO of Xerox, rose from a low-income housing project in New York City. She graduated from Polytechnic Institute of New York University and later became the first African American woman to lead a Fortune 500 company.

Howard Schultz: Despite growing up in a poor neighborhood in Brooklyn, Howard Schultz's passion for education led him to earn a scholarship to Northern

Michigan University. He went on to become the CEO of Starbucks, transforming the company into a global powerhouse.

Andrew Carnegie: Born into a poor family in Scotland, Andrew Carnegie immigrated to the United States as a child. Through his dedication to learning, he became one of the wealthiest individuals in history, primarily through his ventures in the steel industry. Carnegie's philanthropy also revolutionized education, funding the construction of thousands of public libraries.

J.K. Rowling: Before becoming a household name with the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling faced financial struggles as a single mother. Determined to provide a better life for her daughter, she pursued higher education and eventually became one of the most successful authors of all time.

Nelson Mandela: Nelson Mandela's upbringing in a rural village in South Africa did not deter him from pursuing education. Despite facing numerous challenges, including imprisonment, Mandela went on to become the country's first black president after being an instrumental figure in ending apartheid.

Malala Yousafzai: Born in a small town in Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai defied cultural norms by advocating for girls' education. Surviving an assassination attempt, she continued her education and became the youngest-ever Nobel Prize laureate, inspiring millions around the world.

Elon Musk: Elon Musk, the visionary entrepreneur behind companies like Tesla and SpaceX, grew up in South Africa with limited resources. His relentless pursuit of knowledge and education led him to attend the University of Pennsylvania before making groundbreaking advancements in technology and space exploration

Parents as role models

There are times when parents can be a source of motivation and inspiration for their children since these parents are well educated , proficient and most importantly they always have a lot of aspirations. In this sense , being raised up by these kind of people who have a loving job, satisfactory salary, material success , and social status, children are likely to gain deeper understanding of the importance of education in their lives and do their best at school. Here are four examples of individuals who became successful and were motivated by their parents' achievements:

Bill Gates: Bill Gates, the co-founder of Microsoft, was inspired by his parents' achievements in their respective fields. His father was a successful attorney, and his mother served on the board of several organizations. Their accomplishments motivated Gates to pursue his passion for technology, leading him to become one of the wealthiest individuals in the world.

Serena Williams: Serena Williams, the renowned tennis player, was influenced by her parents' success in the sport. Her father, Richard Williams, coached her and her sister Venus from a young age, instilling in them a strong work ethic and determination.

Serena's parents' achievements and guidance played a significant role in her rise to becoming one of the greatest tennis players of all time.

Jeff Bezos: Jeff Bezos, the founder of Amazon, was inspired by his parents' academic achievements. His mother was a high school principal, and his stepfather was an engineer at Exxon. Their emphasis on education and intellectual pursuits motivated Bezos to excel academically and eventually establish one of the most successful companies in the world.

Malala Yousafzai: Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Prize laureate, was motivated by her parents' activism and commitment to education. Her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, ran a school in Pakistan and advocated for girls' education. Their dedication to education and social justice inspired Malala to speak out against the Taliban's ban on girls' education, leading to her global advocacy for children's rights and access to education .

In conclusion, education is very important aspect of our lives . We depend on it in many cases. Therefore, many parents usually motivate their children to have good educational achievements and success in life. Most people who study very hard at school have very different reasons such as eradicating poverty and having role models at an early age , and thus they may become different people , meaning that they can become very successful .

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