

FORMAL EDUCATION AND THE NIGERIAN YOUTH: WHY THE STREET IS TAKING OVER.

Formal¹ education is one of the most important aspects the country, for it stands out as the building block of the future generation. What is formal education? Formal education is a form of education that occurs in a structured environment, class-form based provided with trained teachers. This method of education is the foundation of any individual with hopes of a better tomorrow and in every way, the youths² of today are our leaders of tomorrow. Imagine a country be represented by individuals informally educated, it will be an eyesore in anyway.

The topic of this essay is one which should not be taken lightly in country. The street is a word used to refer to those who are not privileged enough to live the life of their dreams, who are not privilege enough to go to good schools, who in every way are going through challenges which are majorly financial. So why in anyway should the street take over? Those in the state of poverty cry to God for positive change from such a state and people are proud to scream the street is taking over, does that not mean that hunger is taking over? I really do oppose every idea attached to the statement.

Looking at the Nigerian youths who stand out as our future, I can't stress the extent of the importance of a formal education to our future, but it really is true that in a way the street might be gaining advantage. With a bit of research it became clear that even those in the street do not want to be in the street. So where is this problem coming from? Obviously, "the street" works in

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² Youth is the time of life when one is young, but often means the time between childhood and adulthood.

two ways either in a physical form as portrayed³ by poverty or in the mindset of individuals. This can be proved by what has been seen from our countries famous musicians. They behave and scream those who are suffering but their wallet are as fat as an elephant. Due to the fact that they are trending presently, the ones who watch and emulate them remain our youths who pick up gutters like behaviors and carry it proudly.

Firstly, the physical form of portrayal of the street usually grows unwontedly⁴, in a country like ours; it is not a surprise for poverty and hunger to grow due to the increase in commodities and services in the country. This is a problem that can be fixed but would take a longer while for poverty has been before I was born and poverty eradication has not still taken place. This problem rest majorly in the heads of those in a higher seat of power and can be changed by them.

However, the mindset of the street demands immediate action on. First of all, the lyrics in songs should be screened by bodies in charge of such a job. A saying goes that no matter how hard the wind blows, the mountains can never bow to it. This means that if the youth are made to understand that those who made money without formal education are the lucky ones for there are a lot of people looking for a way to get out of their state of illiteracy in order to have a brighter future, they would build themselves understanding that the only road is through education.

In conclusion, education is the key to a beautiful future in this world. Just because some people feel there is another ways does not mean it is your own way for not all that glitters⁵ is gold but one thing is better than gold and that is a person's future.

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⁴ Unwontedly, Being out of the ordinary: rare, unusual.

⁵ Glitter, a sparkling or glistening light. Brilliant..

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