



Money & Education

Without money governments cannot meet their commitments. It is also a question of standards; poorly paid teachers and lack of materials jeopardise the quality of education.

No money, no education! Do you agree?



Gender equality & Education

Many countries have made big steps towards the goal of gender equality in education by 2015. However, in some countries, girls and women are forbidden from attending school.

Do you think this undermines the credibility of Education for All?



Food & Education

Food for Education (FFE) programmes provide school meals and/or take-home rations to ensure that poor children are healthy and able to learn.

Are FFE programmes the key to meeting the EFA goals?



Education for All

The global Education for All movement aims to meet the learning needs of all children, youth and adults by 2015.

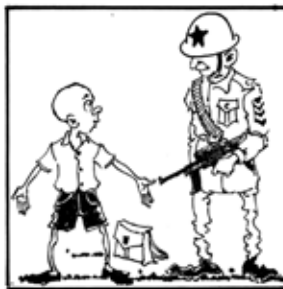
What is the point of setting obviously unattainable goals?



Drugs & Education

The use of alcohol, cigarettes and other drugs is a problem in many schools / universities. Abuse prevents pupils from learning and increases violence.

Is a firm school policy on drug abuse the answer?



Military & Education

In many countries a high proportion of the budget is allocated to military expenditure and not enough is left for the social sector, especially education.

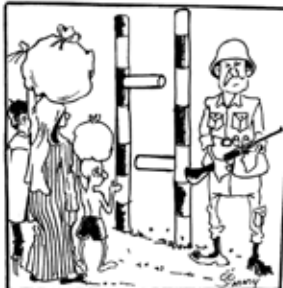
Is security more important than education?



Teachers & Education

Good quality teachers are essential. However, in many developing countries training may be minimal.

Should there be a minimum requirement such as a teaching degree for all school teachers?



Migration & Education

The higher the level of education, the more likely it is that an individual will emigrate. Many doctors, teachers, engineers and IT experts from developing countries work in Europe.

Is it morally defensible that Europe gains from this brain drain from those countries where these people are really needed?



Free Education

Governments have the duty to provide access to primary education to all. The reality is that in many countries poor families cannot afford to pay the school fees.

Is it realistic that schooling should be completely free for all?



Human Rights Education

"Every individual and every organ of society, keeping the UDHR in mind shall strive by teaching and education to promote respect for these rights and freedoms." UN General Assembly.

Which "organs of society" are the most effective in delivering HRE?



Globalisation & Education
 Global value chains force firms in developing countries to specialise in certain functions, for example, the manufacture of garments in factories where little training and education is needed to do the job.
 Does globalisation undermine the value of education?



Peace & Education
 Education for peace should be part of the formal education curriculum. It is not enough to find it only in non-formal educational settings.
 How would you include peace education within the formal curriculum?



The Internet & Education
 In many countries, information technology has become a core part of the education process, essential for research and for homework.
 If every child in the world had access to a computer, what potential could be unlocked? What problems could be solved?



Sport & Education
 Sport should always be on the school curriculum. It teaches many things that cannot be learnt in other subjects. Sport is essential for the full development of body and mind.
 Do you agree or should other subjects be prioritised, for example technology and skills training?



University (higher and further) Education
 The UDHR states that "everyone has a right to education". Education For All focuses on basic education and literacy and numeracy.
 Should the right to education include the right to higher and further education?



Social Exclusion & Education
 In some European countries, Roma children are automatically put into classes for the mentally disabled, simply because they are Roma. In others, they are shunted into separate and inferior schools or classrooms set aside for Roma.
 What is the best way to integrate Roma children into the education system?



Environment & Education
 The lifestyles of most people in European countries are unsustainable. If people are to make informed choices about how to change their lifestyles they need to understand ecological relationships, economics & politics.
 How would you include education for sustainability into the curriculum?



Life-Long Learning
 Adult illiteracy is a big problem in many countries. One EFA goal is a 50 % improvement in levels of adult literacy by 2015.
 Is it reasonable to put money into adult literacy programmes rather than investing in the future by putting it into basic education?



Discipline & Education
 Schools in different countries use different means to ensure discipline. Methods include corporal punishment, suspension, extra-work, expulsion and participation in a school or college council.
 What do you think is the best approach to guarantee discipline?



Aids/HIV & Education
 "The first battle to be won in the war against AIDS is the battle to smash the wall of silence and stigma surrounding it" (Kofi Annan).
 What role should educational institutions play in fighting HIV/AIDS?