Leaving Latinos Out Of History: Teaching U.S. History In Texas

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History Helps Us Understand Change and How the Society We Live in Came to Be

The second reason history is inescapable as a subject of serious study follows closely on the first. The past causes the present, and so the future. The study of history in no sense undermines loyalty or commitment, but it does teach the need for assessing arguments, and it provides opportunities to engage in debate and achieve perspective.

Learning history helps one figure out, for example, if one main factor—such as a technological innovation or some deliberate new policy—accounts for a change or whether, as is more commonly the case, a number of factors combine to generate the actual change that occurs. Most of the teachers teaching history fail to correlate history with other subjects. Since no subject can be taught in isolation so history should never be taught in such a manner. It is always possible for the history teacher to correlate his subject with geography, civics, economics or craft or any other subject.

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