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"I Won't Learn From You," Herb Kohl's now-classic essay on "not learning," or refusing to learn, is available for the first time in an affordable paperback edition along with four other landmark essays.

Learning for a human being is a continuous process, first he or she learns to eat, then to scroll, talk and walk and then perform numerous of daily rituals and many other activities. These are all necessities and requirements of the social environment with whom we are coherently related and linked. But when a person refuses to learn, he or she is involved in a very complex relation with the society. McBride, Consciously our learning process is derived from several of our belief systems like values, knowledge, laws and experiences, which play the most crucial component in our life. As more we find ourselves confined to these systems, more they create a direct or indirect effect on our learning. We in our day-to-day lives learn because the situation demands and our society want us to learn but we cannot learn what we ourselves want to learn. Not-learning if followed is considered by many as an ignorance, carelessness or a fad yet for Kohl not-learning is basically a learning which a learner involves himself in a sub consciousness level of his mind More problems come when not-learning becomes more of a personal and emotional and here compassion and understanding is required the most. Every day and at every movement of our time, we are presented with the learning opportunity. We merely do not want to learn because not just we have least inclination for the subject, or we are ignorant or careless but it also means we do not go by the convention or approach what is being taught to us. We can see the concept non-learning originating in the schools, where for teachers coming across with one or two non-learners is everyday experience. These students do not want to learn not because they do not want to attain knowledge or skills but they do not like either the subject being taught, or the ways and the aptitude of the teacher or the environment of the class. Fear of failure among children also inhibits them from process of learning. Among many children this fear is so strong that it could even become a barrier in their conscious level and capacity of the children might get lose to know what he or she could learn and what not. An individual should be born and brought up in a productive environment, which enables him or her to apply his skills in his day-to-day interactions and also to recognize his abilities, which could have remained invisible otherwise. Another most important facet of the concept not-learning is on account of the arrogance. Pride and over confidence are the biggest hindrances in the path of their growth. About this Kohl gave the example of his childhood days when he refused to learn Yiddish language from his parents. This refusal on his part he owes to his pride and avaricious attitude and now he feels guilty of not learning the language when he could have easily done. This not-learning attitude had devoid him from adopting further exposure towards learning valuable experiences. Books increase opportunity for the children to expand their horizon and the way they perceive the world and increase their intellectual process. To explain his view on the importance of books, Kohl uses the term overall which in turn gives an opportunity to the individual to perceive the world from his or her ways and experience the world through his own eyes. We can also say that books allow children to move into their fantasylands. Building the habit of book reading makes children develop their own ways of thinking and finding solutions to their own problems. Learning outside the four walls of classroom gives students ways to gain access to new kind of knowledge as they gain in the classroom. This purpose of attainment of learning is to acquire new type of knowledge and information and help it in applying it in daily chores. Instructors should not make children confined to learn particular curriculum rather give opportunity to them to develop their own insight into the subject, learn to analyze and at the same time learn to criticize it too. Kohl believes that this kind of education makes children incapable to understand their own capabilities or potentialities. In other words teachers should provide additional resources to the students so that they do not get knowledge only with limited resources at their disposal. By making students remained confined to the four-boundary walls of the school, we are taking away their right to information and other rights. It is all in our nature to love our teacher in the same way as we used to hate our teacher. If the student had been very young it would have been his very strong feeling but for a secondary or college student there might be other specific reasons. The situation and dilemma as faced by students can be seen in day-to-day lives. Children are

not able to adopt any subject or any method of studies of their choice. So in schools, children should be given storybooks to read besides academy reading books otherwise they can lose their reigns of imagination. Secondly they should get a chance to make their lessons more imperative and interactive while giving them opportunity to take part in all the lessons actively. They should be allowed to go outside and made to interact with the nature. This would solve many purposes, as they would be able to make judgments soundly as well as wisely. Kohl also made us understand the reason behind the questions and ultimately fire and therefore to bring in the changes, it is very important as the process of learning not-to- learn should not be picked early in a classroom. This process not only would help the teachers but also the students to become better in handling situations. The educative system should never allow racist as well as any other form of derogatory terms used in the classroom. There is no doubt of the fact that our society has taken great strides in every sphere of arena yet there is so much to be done and this could be started from schools. The not-learning approach tell us now is the time to make a good beginning and as learning process never ends, and so our willingness also to learn. Reference List Kohl, H. The Culture of the School. Herbert Kohl and the enigma of not learning. Retrieved on February 3, from W.

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I Won't Learn From You! Thoughts on the Role of Assent in Learning. By. Herbert Kohl. Ycars. , CIIIC. of my. fifth-grade. students. IOld. me. dill bis.

Early life[edit] Originally born into a Jewish household, Kohl attended the Bronx High School of Science [6] and studied philosophy and mathematics at Harvard University from to In Kohl became a sixth-grade teacher in the New York City public schools, [11] something he had dreamed of doing since childhood. During that time, he has taught every grade from kindergarten through graduate school but not in that order. His career as a teacher began in in Harlem, where he continued to work for six years. From September to June , under a grant from the National Institute of Education , he ran a storefront school for junior high and high school students, taught high school psychology and writing, and worked as curriculum coordinator for the Parent Board of the I. He is still a board member of the Collaborative. They centered on advocating for the education of poor and disabled students and critiquing and demystifying the stigmatization of students who are perfectly capable of learning. In , 36 Children New American Library, New York, was also published, and Kohl was drawn into national debates on the education of African American and other minority student and into conversations on school reform and the nature of teaching and learning. He is still engaged in them now having lived through cycles of reform and reaction, none of which succeeded in creating excellent education for the children of the poor. The problems persist, and he still believes that by hard, imaginative effort, they can be solved. Then, he received a grant from the Carnegie Corporation of New York September to June to work with Allan Kaprow, the "happener" who was a Professor of Art at the State University of New York, Stony Brook, on teacher education and the development of creative curriculum that crossed disciplinary and artistic boundaries. Working with Kaprow freed him to cross boundaries, work with students in theater, and experiment with interactive media. An alternative high school, Other Ways emerged during that collaboration and it was supported, in , by a grant from the Ford Foundation September to June It was one of the first attempts to create a series of alternative educational options within public school systems and part of the free school movement. In , Kohl became co-director of the teacher education program at the Center for Open Learning and Teaching, and he taught a combined kindergartenâ€”first grade at a Berkeley public elementary school while he was acting as a master teacher for its teacher education students. Over the years, it has sponsored a summer camp, where he taught theater, and hosted a number of seminars on education and social justice. During the s, Kohl also spent time working with a number of pioneers in the computer world. Kohl continued writing over these years and teaching occasionally as a Research Fellow at the University of San Francisco. Meanwhule, he was engaged with developing pedagogical content and structure that would take advantage of the strengths and experiences of poor and minority students. It won the Robert F. Kennedy book award in The Fund morphed into New Visions Schools and is engaged in implementing that work. From September to June , he worked towards planning a funding strategy in education for the Foundation, and in the process, he managed to support a number of projects that promise effective school reform. Kohl has found himself both teaching and writing throughout his adult life. He feels that writing is a private matter, education a public one. They play off each other, nurturing and informing each other. Both are a source of energy and give him a feeling of being of use to others. Later life[edit] In the spring of , after his Fellowship at the Open Society Institute was completed, Kohl accepted the challenge of building a small, autonomous teacher education program centered on equity and social justice at the University of San Francisco USF. The next three years were supported by a grant from the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation September to June Under the terms of the grant, the Center also worked on reform in the Oakland and San Francisco school districts. Storms and water damage during the spring destroyed his study and many of his books and resources. It took months to rebuild, and some of the work is still going on. Nevertheless, he continued to write, and his book Painting Chinese Bloomsbury, New York, was finished in Point Arena and published in He continues to work with educators across the country. The book proposes a way of supporting principals that is a cross between psychotherapy and dramaturgy, which they tried out for three years and decided to call eduthery. In

, Kohl published a collaborative book with Tom Oppenheim and the Stella Adler Acting Studio, of which he is Director, on advocating support for the arts, as necessary components of any decent public education. In conjunction with this book, "The Muses Go to School: At the center of all of his work is the belief that a quality education for all children is a pedagogical imperative and a social justice issue.

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"I won't learn from you" by Herbert Kohl Three Main Points Not-learning "To agree to learn from a stranger who does not respect your integrity causes major loss of self" (p.6).

Since mostly Jews speak Yiddish and Hebrew, one might think that one is a dialect of the other, but Yiddish is a dialect of German, not Hebrew. Kohl scraped by for two years, reading the sounds, reciting from the Mahzar and the Torah. But one day the rabbi gave everyone a test with all the questions written in Hebrew and the answers were to be likewise written in Hebrew. Kohl said, "Cheating in Hebrew school was not a moral issue to me but a matter of saving face. The rabbi returned all of the papers except Ronnie and mine. Then he called the class to attention and said he felt a need to give special appreciation to Ronnie, for not only had Ronnie gotten one A, he also received a second A which, the rabbi said, was the first time in his career that any student done that well. I was thoroughly humiliated in front of all my friends and, for all my arrogance about getting away with not-learning Hebrew, felt very stupid. Kohl makes the very important point that as a free individual, a student in school may choose to adopt a not-learning strategy, and instead of dealing directly with the not-learning strategy, administrators treat it as a major threat to the entire system of education. Given that parents and school authorities are more interested at times in discipline than in drawing out the best from children the essence of what education means, this is not surprising. People like Rick then get channeled into marginal school experiences and, too often, marginalized lives. They are forced to take evasive measures and thus the parents become another disciplinary problem for the school authorities. Often parents are denied the simple expediency of moving their children to another public school. Their only recourse is to a private school. Then, if they have a problem with the private school administrators, they can move their child to another private school which charges the same tuition, but does not cause their children the same problem. It is amazing what a simple solution exists for parents beleaguered by recalcitrant administrators. A simple, but expensive one. This is the only way for some parents to provide a true education for their children as they see it. Of course when the parents move their children to a private school, they must pay exorbitant tuition prices in addition to their property taxes which continue unabated to support a dis-functioning public school system. If department stores were run as school systems are, think of the long lines to get the free stuff and how many people would disdain such lines for a private department store where they could get higher quality goods without the problems. Such taxes effectively destroy our freedom to choose among proprietary providers who, but for their tax-supported competitors, could compete in the market place for so many of our services and needs. Neither should we expect that a solution could be found to our public school systems without abandoning the entire system of tax-supported public services. Herbert Kohl had a fantasy companion and teacher he called the Masked Rider. Herbert accompanied him on his adventures which often included an anima figure, "a sweet, accepting young woman who could like you without controlling you. But he added a personal touch to his fantasy and dream world. The Masked Rider was my personal reconstruction of the freedom and power these programs represented to me. My encounters with the Masked Rider were not like other dreams over which I had no control I was both in a fantasy world and semi-awake outside of that world, aware of what was going on. I could at times experience the adventures we had together and at other times witness my own adventures. I could even give advice to the me in the dream, and somehow in dream logic it made sense for me to exist on both planes simultaneously, within and outside the fantasy. My double and I lived through all those adventures together. The Masked Rider joined The Tattooed Man, a series of adventure novels by Howard Pease that he enjoyed reading, as his personal guides through the outside world. The ability to see the world as other than it is plays a major role in sustaining hope. No one told me that I was listening to too much radio or reading too many library or comic books as a child or that I was spending too much time playing Cowboys and Indians or Cops and Robbers. Those role-playing games my brothers, friends, and I invented on the spot always involved shooting cap pistols at each other for hours at a time, swapping roles as good guys and bad guys from day to day. We killed each other in our imagination because that created the energy for our play. So far as I know, none of my childhood companions ever hurt a single human being as an

adult. We played being scared, being brave, shooting to survive, shooting to save the world from bad guys. We burnt up a lot of exploding caps in our Western replica six-shooters, we smelled a lot of gunpowder from those caps, but we never once let fly a real bullet at a real person. Have the caregivers who have removed such play-toys from modern children denuded their fantasy life? If so, they have unknowingly fostered children growing up and doing for real what they never had a chance to do in fantasy life. The spate of senseless shooting sprees in schools may be a result of those very well-intentioned caregivers who would be horrified to find that they have created what they most tried to avoid by trying to fix a system that was not broken 2. Consider what fantasy lives children live today where they try to achieve the same level of excitement in fantasy warfare: And the well-intentioned caregivers are trying to remove those exciting avenues for child-like learning and replace them with bland substitutes, all of which may be doing more harm than good. Either the child will learn to become devious in order to play the video games they want or they will submit docilely. Children faced with such controlling caregivers will grow into one extreme or the other: Kohl said that reading about those voyages "made my world larger, provided me with a romantic vision of what I might become. He stood there in silence, while about him the life of the water flowed on. Apparently Herbert Kohl has had asthma for as long as he can remember. I wondered as I read the passage below whether a simple doyle trace might remove his asthma. When some external trigger is identified with a symptom such as an allergy, that is a live giveaway that the allergy is doylic in origin and therefore is susceptible to be extirpated by a simple doylic speed trace. Every once in a while I get that clutch in my chest and feel the same anxiety at dusk that I did as a child. When Kohl remembers the clutch in his chest at dusk when he was a child, he is having a cognitive memory of some post five-year-old memory. Then his asthma would literally become a memory. He would never have asthma again. Unfortunately most people are so well-adjusted to the medical profession claim that asthma is a medical condition requiring medication to overcome an asthma attack, that few have tried to trace away their asthmatic symptoms. Perhaps someone with the creative maladjustments of a Herbert Kohl might be able to show the rest of the world what is possible using the nascent science of doyletics. A few minutes learning , the application of a simple memory technique, and they can convert the bodily reactions doylic memories of their asthma attack into cognitive memories. And be rid of asthma for good. Sigmund Freud took his patients who were maladjusted because of their neuroses and removed the neuroses or ameliorated them so his patients became normal well-adjusted human beings again. On the other hand, Carl Jung took his patients, who were well-adjusted people living normal but empty lives, and helped them to individuate or become creatively maladjusted so that they might live unusual but fulfilling lives. When I was twelve to fifteen years old, I delivered newspapers. One of my subscribers was a couple who were "deaf and dumb. This man and woman were products of a culture in the first half of the twentieth century in which deaf people were not taught to speak even though their vocal apparatus was fully functional. They were called "dumb" meaning "unable to speak" even though they were in fact able to speak, but were not taught as a child to do so. Even at my tender age, I could tell they were intelligent even though I had trouble communicating with them. They could understand each other okay. They always paid on time and were one of my best customers until they had some problem, like missing a newspaper, and then it took me a long time to find out the problem and resolve it. Kohl tackled the problem of not teaching deaf children to speak while in graduate school. A year later the paper was published as the booklet Language and Education of the Deaf. The response was explosive. The Alexander Graham Bell Association for the Deaf, one of the most powerful forces in the area of deaf education, attacked me as an irresponsible outsider who had no right to intrude into the field of deaf education. At the same time, I was invited to Washington, D. Not only is the onerous name gone, but few deaf people grow up without being taught sign language and at the same being taught how to speak aloud. In the place of dumb deaf people we have increasing bilingual deaf people who can handle American Sign Language and English-speaking at the same time. The task of helping my students figure out how to creatively maladjust to dysfunctional systems of living and learning has become a significant part of my work as an educator. In fact, I can imagine classes in creative maladjustment at teacher education institutions, for without teachers who are willing to take the risks on creative maladjustment, public education will continue to fail or be dismantled and privatized. Recent movies have portrayed examples of creative maladjustment in which

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teachers have taught their students to become productive members of society through poetry Dead Poets Society, , rock and roll School of Rock, , ballroom dancing Take the Lead, , and writing in journals Freedom Writers, In every case we find the school administrators fighting aggressively against change at every step of the way, often striving to oust the teacher. And some may even come to agree that, well, maybe, this is a good way to teach our students. Thus a Teacher, so also a Learner is one of my basic rules. No one should be allowed to teach who thinks that teaching is a one-way proposition where the teacher, the fount of knowledge, simply pours what they know into the children. Our children have much to teach as well as learn from the world. Teachers must be open to what their pupils are ready to teach them at every step of the education process. Teaching is like a dance that the teacher must do with their pupils. All dancers must learn to modify their moves to their dance partners at every beat of the music. One cannot prepare a detailed lesson plan for a dance. Or for a rock performance. Or for a journal writing session. Or, rightly understood, for a classroom. One does best if one comes prepared to teach and to learn in the dance of life within the classroom. One of my favorite comic strips growing up was Lil Abner, drawn by Al Capp. He was a celebrity in the mid-twentieth century when his mythical Dogpatch creations turned into a musical and then a movie. One of the things little known about Al Capp was that he walked on a prosthetic leg from an early teenager. In fact after he was run over by a trolley and lost a leg, he was deemed to be retarded and sent to a school for retarded children! Imagine the state of an educational system back then which could have thought that losing a leg causes one to become stupid! Our school systems have recovered from this one version of stupidity, but have created multiple versions of modern stupidity to replace it, to which they are as blind now as the system which condemned Al Capp to the retarded school. Kohl found a ready source of material to introduce his creative maladjustment into his classroom one day while standing in a grocery checkout line. The only semblance to reality is that the tabloid is printed like a real newspaper. Kohl chose that article to give to his class as an assignment. They were to write a three-page essay to confirm or deny the claims of the article.

4: 'I Won't Learn from You': And Other Thoughts on Creative Maladjustment by Herbert R. Kohl

The five essays in this book are powerful reminders that currently popular ideas of school choice may be only another trendy veneer disguising the deeply rooted problems of public education.

5: I Won't Learn from You • | The New Press

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8: 'I WON'T LEARN FROM YOU' by Herbert Kohl | Kirkus Reviews

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