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Abstract: This book, an “easy read”, provides an impassioned plea for a liberal arts education to be given its due importance within the educational system. The author is a seasoned journalist who once edited Time magazine and is a well-known face on CNN (he hosts an Emmy-nominated programme). He is writing primarily from a US perspective. Himself the beneficiary of a liberal education (he migrated from India to the USA on a student visa), he is ready, like the Italian political figure Antonio Gramsci, to extol the virtues of an education which gave him so much and helped in his development as a public intellectual. Like Gramsci, he saw in this kind of education important elements for the formation of an enlightened citizenry. In this regard, this book echoes many others, of a more academic nature, which have recently appeared on the scene. This is however not an academic treatise and is not intended primarily for an academic readership. It is targeted, through its manner of articulation, at a wide audience. I am therefore surprised to see it published only in hardback thus far.

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The Amazon Book Review Book recommendations, author interviews, editors' picks, and more. Read it now. click to open popover. It clearly defines what a liberal education is, describes the history of universities through the ages, explains different models for running universities and other organizations of learning, and debunks urban myths about why, for example, Chinese students test two years ahead of their U.S. counterparts (it's because the go to school much more of the year than students do in the. In calling for advocates for the value of higher education, President Eisgruber, as well as all others so concerned, might well be pleased with Fareed Zakaria's well thought out and articulated book, 'In Defense of a Liberal Education'. This insightful book, begins with the following quote The Demands of Liberal Education is a 1999 political philosophy book by Meira Levinson that establishes a liberal political theory of children's education that fits the mutual needs of the state and its diverse citizenry. She writes that the intent of a liberal education—an education that follows from a liberal society's values—is to maximize the autonomy of individual children through increasing their capacity for liberty. Levinson argues autonomy as a right to children. The book, published by Oxford Liberal education is one of those ideas that many people support in theory but few can credibly define. Zakaria makes his case in part through autobiography, describing how he and his brother, helped by stellar SAT scores, eschewed the engineering- and test-centric culture of 1970s India to attend elite liberal arts universities in America. His deft and persuasive argument for the centrality of a rich curriculum in the sciences and humanities suggests he made a wise choice. But his book is an accessible, necessary defense of an idea under siege. Too hot to handle. A Global History of Sex Education. By Jonathan Zimmerman. 202 pp. Access a free summary of In Defense of a Liberal Education, by Fareed Zakaria and 20,000 other business, leadership and nonfiction books on getAbstract. A helpful and/or enlightening book that has a substantial number of outstanding qualities without excelling

across the board, e.g. presents the latest findings in a topical field and is written by a renowned expert but lacks a bit in style. 9 – Superb. A helpful and/or enlightening book that is extremely well rounded, has many strengths and no shortcomings worth mentioning. 10 – Brilliant. A helpful and/or enlightening book that, in addition to meeting the highest standards in all pertinent aspects, stands out even among the best. Often an instant classic and must-read for everyone. Liberal education, says this proudly conservative Professor of Government at Berry College, is also valuable. Such education involves “the search for who we are as more than technological or determined beings.” I agree that liberal education is vitally important and in danger today. My agreement, however, will shock Prof. Lawler. You see, I’m a libertarian, and Prof. Indeed, his website reveals that he writes chiefly for National Review, The Weekly Standard, The American Spectator, The New York Post, The Washington Times, and The Huffington Post. Liberally educated readers will note that none of these publications is libertarian. Indeed, all but the last are solidly conservative.