



Equal Education Opportunity and Egalitarianism

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Abstract

Egalitarianism is that of a principle in which all people in a society have equal rights and receive impartial treatment in the same circumstances. Equal educational opportunity can be possible through the establishment and operation of various grants and scholarship awards. Loan scheme from which students can borrow to finance the costs of education should be established and effectively operated. Putting all these and other measures into effect, most often requires much more money than many societies can afford and more commitment than most decision-makers and implementers of education policies can make. People of diverse backgrounds, including scholars, sociologist, political scientist, philosophers, statesmen and educators are interested in the achievement of the ideal of egalitarianism in the societies. In this paper therefore, the concept of egalitarianism is examined and applied to education. The various ways of achieving egalitarianism through the provision of equal opportunities to individuals in education are considered. The roles of educational stakeholders in ensuring the principles of egalitarianism are adhered to at different levels of educational systems. Conclusion and recommendation were given.