

THE EVOLUTION OF AMERICAN SCHOOLS

Dr. Cindy Sytsma Ph.D. National University
Dr. Dina Pacis Ed.D. National University

This presentation will:

- ❖ Provide an overview of the foundations of American Education.
- ❖ Focus on significant Educational theorists
- ❖ Examine legislation with a goal towards a national universal standard of learning

Early American Education

- American Schools date back to early 1600's
- 1635 first town supported school opens
- 1647 Old Deluder Act
- 1700 Only Boy's from wealthy families were sent to school
- 1600-1800 Free enterprise system
- 1800's Schools begin to develop out west

Horace Mann 1796-1859

- Known as the father of American common school system
- Pioneered the first American common school
- Initiated a free education enterprise
- Mann put his beliefs into implementation as a protest to the lack of reference to education in the US Constitution

John Dewey 1859-1952

- Viewed education as a process of experiential tasks which results in learning.
- This supported his argument that teachers needed to understand the nature of the human experience in order to be effective.
- To this end he believed that a good education should include both a societal, as well as a personal purpose for the student (Dewey, 1938).

Benjamin Bloom 1913-1999

- Responsible for developing the taxonomy of education.

The taxonomy of education is composed of three domains:

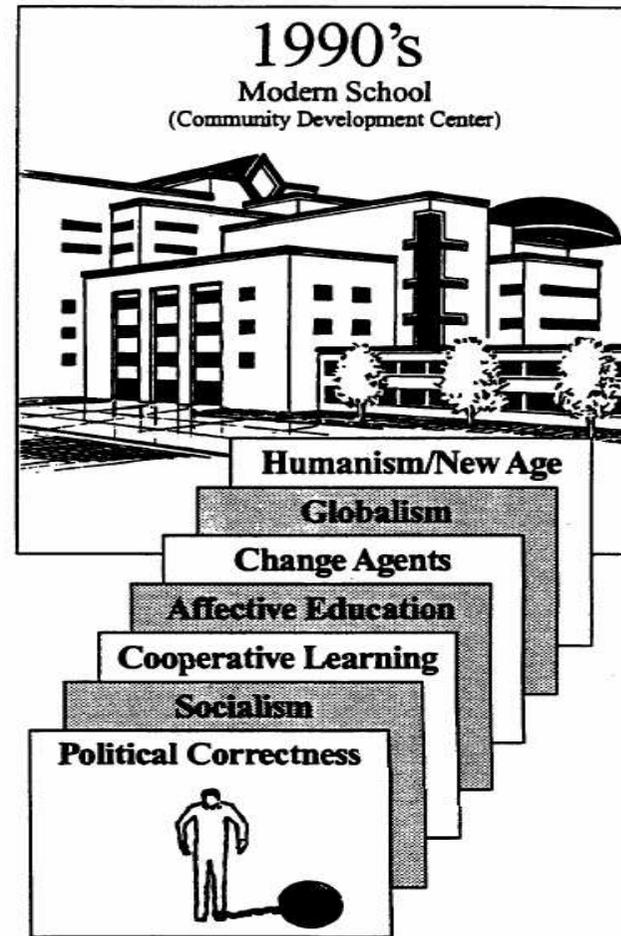
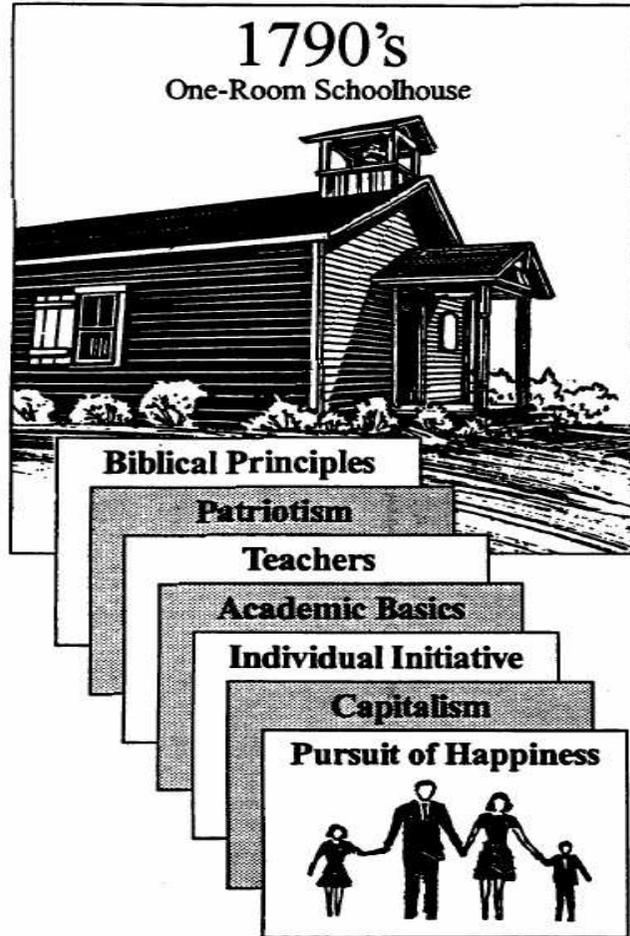
- cognitive domain- The cognitive domain involves the development of intellectual skills. The intellectual skills are broken down into six sub domains (Bloom, 1956).
 - Remembering, Understanding, Applying, Analyzing, Evaluating, Creating
- affective domain- growth/ feelings in emotion
- psychomotor domain-manual/physical

Col. Francis Parker 1837-1902

- Was a Colonel in the Union Army in the Civil War.
- This experience as a leader identifying and utilizing individual skills was the foundation for his belief in education.
- He took Dewey's idea and ramped it up to a higher level with the idea of student centered learning.
- He is known as the father of American Educational Reform

Chronology of Education

With Quotable Quotes



Dennis Laurence Cuddy, Ph.D.

References

Bloom, B. (1956). *Taxonomy of educational objectives, handbook I: The cognitive domain*. New York: David McKay.

Bloom, B. (1978, April). New views of the learner: Implications for instruction and curriculum. *Educational Leadership*, 563-578

Dewey, J. (1897). My pedagogic creed. *School Journal*, 54(3), 77-80.

Duddy, D. (1994). *A chronology of education with quotable quotes*. Highland City, FL.: Pro Family Forum, Inc.

Mann, H. (1838). *Annual reports on education*. Boston: Cornhill Press.

Mann, H. (1844). *Reply to the remarks of thirty-one Boston schoolmasters*. Boston: WM.A. Hall and Co.

Mann, H. (1846). *Tenth annual report of the secretary of the Massachusetts State Board of Education*. Retrieved September 1, 2004, from <http://www.skidmore.edu/~tkuroda/hi323/mann.htm>

Parker, F. W. (1895). *Talks on pedagogics: An outline of theory and concentration*. Philadelphia, PA: Hellogs Teachers Library