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What is the most fundamental human right?

In my unwavering opinion, the most fundamental human right is the right to education as the right to education is a first class ticket to the pursuit of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. With education, a rose in the concrete can become prosperous and even provide a plainfield of economic stability for further generations. Consequently, I believe that everyone should have the opportunity to educate themselves and have an equal opportunity to school to allow themselves to grow academically, which further ties to financial growth as well as the pursuit of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. As life is to live with liberty; As liberty is to live a life without restriction; As happiness is to live a limitless life.

But, *why is education so vital?*

Financial stability itself lies in education. The proof lies in the majority of blue-collar workers having lower education levels and lower wages in comparison to their white-collar peers; Its proof lies in vocabulary being one of biggest disparities amongst the socioeconomic groups. Whereas towards the upper sector of the hierarchy of socioeconomic classes, elevated vocabulary is utilized; however, nearing the bottom of the hierarchy, slang is prevalent in poorer neighborhoods. As once said by George Orwell, "If thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought," meaning how one thinks is influenced by the way they speak and vice versa. Those with better thoughts make smarter decisions and the logical part of their brain is alerted, meanwhile one who has not alerted the logical part of their brain, are more prone to think with emotion. One allows for themselves to think logically when they experiment with mathematics, and if someone lives in a country or condition where the option of schooling is absent, they will never obtain *logic*, something that is necessary for living.

Ultimately, the right to education is the most fundamental human right because it intertwines itself with the other liberties: the right to liberty, the right to assembly, the right to be free from torture, and the right to freedom of thought and expression. If living is defined as consciousness, then the right to education produces that.

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