**What Do American Schools Teach?**

What is taught in American schools is of primary importance.

One way to increase the probability that something will not be learned
is to ensure that it will not be taught.

For many,  the arts are seen as someone else’s pleasure.  Thus, large and important legacies of art and culture go unseen, unheard, unstudied, and unlearned.

Schools perpetuate this state of visual illiteracy by withholding from our young citizens important parts of their artistic heritage and cultural legacy.

If we removed all the art in the lives of our children, there is no way that adding more math, increasing more reading, requiring more science, or buying more computers could replace what they would have lost.

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