Direct Influence of Socio-Economic Towards Education Quality: Growth of Standardization

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Abstract

Socio-economic is derived from the term socio, which means "social" or "socialization," while economics is defined as how societies allocate limited resources to satisfy unlimited wants and needs. In essence, socio-economics bridges the gap between economics and sociology, acknowledging that economic outcomes are often intertwined with social factors and that both play a crucial role in shaping the dynamics of societies and the livelihood of their members. Socio-economic impacts on education underscore the need for proactive efforts to ensure that all students have equal access to education quality and opportunities regardless of their background. Addressing these disparities is essential for fostering a more inclusive and equitable educational system and promoting social and economic progress. Some parents choose their children not to go to school because of their income status; they decide to get employed instead of continuing their studies to sustain the necessities of their family. The significance of this article is to identify the main problems of society, which are poverty and unemployment due to lack of access to education quality. It has been found that socioeconomic factors have a significant impact and influence on our education. Hence, as people attain a higher level of education, the more they can get quality employment status in the future.

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Introduction

Academics' fundamental goal is to provide high education quality to students. Education quality fosters critical thinking as well as learning. It is also an intellectual curiosity manipulator, resulting in lifelong learning [1]. Socioeconomic status can include quality of life and the opportunities and privileges available to people in society. Poverty is not a single issue but a collection of physical and emotional pressures [2]. Regarding "human poverty," the indirect impact of education is crucial because when income rises due to education, it becomes easier to meet basic needs and boosts the standard of life, both of which imply a reduction in human poverty. Education influences women's behaviour concerning reproductive decisions, family planning, and how they use healthcare facilities and meet other fundamental requirements like access to water, sanitation, and shelter [3].

Ref. [4] found a significant relationship between child development and socio-economic level. Schooling, parental occupation, mother's marital status, and housing conditions represent a disadvantage and the probability of alteration in child development. As a result, educational attainment and financial sector development can influence economic sustainability through diverse channels suggested by endogenous growth theories [5]. In sociological study, the association between family
socio-economic status (SES) and children’s academic performance is well documented. Another critical dimension is the factors that may influence low-SES families’ educational outcomes [6].

Education is a primary means to reduce poverty in each country. With an improved education, all other areas are directly or indirectly affected. Thus, educational attainment is crucially constituent that triggers other areas of human development to flourish. Ref. [7]. It is generally accepted that education, as a key means of building human capital, matters for individual and economy-wide prosperity [8]. Students' academic achievement and educational attainment have been studied within different frameworks. Many of them have a focus on parents' education, occupation, or home background (like family income, the language of the home, activities of the family, and work methods), while other studies looked at it from the teacher's variables (such as teacher's age, experience, education, gender, etc.), school variables (such as environment, structures, buildings, location, etc.), students variables (such as attitude, self-concept, self-esteem, study habit, interest, etc.) or parents support (such as achievement motivation of wards, parental attitudes towards education, the aspiration of parent(s, etc) [9].

It has been found that parents with low socio-economic backgrounds were less interested in educating their children. Kids from low socio-economic backgrounds focus more on employment than pursuing their studies after completing their secondary education. Such students end up in unskilled or blue-collar jobs [10]. Ref. [11] found a significant difference between the academic performance of students from wealthy families and those from low-income families' structure. However, in large part, this reflects measurement problems. Most people would acknowledge that a year of schooling produces different cognitive skills everywhere. They would also agree that families and peers contribute to education [12]. Thus, the SES of parents affects the learning achievement of students. Different factors in different countries perceive SES. It is based on the country's social, cultural, and economic situation [13].

Education provides individual children with the knowledge and skills necessary to economically advance themselves and their nation. Socio-economic factors, such as family income level, parents' level of education, race, and gender, all influence the quality and availability of education as well as the ability of education to improve life circumstances. Ref. [14]. Nevertheless, Lower SES is associated with lower scores and poor academic performance. This results from students’ inability to concentrate adequately on the demands of school when other needs are not consistently met. Educational opportunities for students with low SES are limited. Neighbourhood schools in poor neighbourhoods are often under-resourced, resulting in poor academic outcomes for many students. Students from lower SES develop academic skills at slower rates and have a higher dropout rate [15].

Socio-economic status includes money, financial security, educational attainment, individualised social standing and social class opinions. In addition to opportunities and privileges available to persons in society, socioeconomic status can also include quality-of-life aspects [2]. People from less affluent socio-economic circumstances frequently need the same educational resources as their more privileged colleagues. This suggests that minority kids from various socio-economic backgrounds might not have equal access to high-quality instruction or educational resources [16]. It is
widely accepted that children of parents with higher and intermediate socio-economic status experience a more favourable environment at home since these parents have access to more learning materials. Children who perform poorly in school are frequently linked to low household SES, while the mechanisms underlying this connection are less clear [10].

Furthermore, numerous pupils experience low academic achievements due to under-resourced local schools in underprivileged areas. Specific vision-economic talents are developed more slowly and with a higher dropout rate among students from lower SES backgrounds. Ref. [15] states that higher education levels are frequently associated with better career prospects and earning potential. People from higher socio-economic backgrounds typically have more opportunities in terms of work alternatives and financial security [5].

Furthermore, the need to provide inclusive and accessible learning opportunities for everyone is highlighted by socio-economic variables' impact on education, a crucial topic of Ref. [4]. Societies may work to end the cycle of educational inequality and guarantee a better future for individuals from all walks of life by identifying and addressing these effects. Education is a foundation of economic prosperity and has a significant influence on the end of societies and nations [15]. Consumer behaviour is influenced by education, which supports stable markets and informed decision-making. It is essential to reducing inequality, fostering social stability, and fostering an inclusive society—all sustaining sustained economic success [5]. However, the quality of education is crucial because current, relevant skills are needed to meet the demands of changing industries. The need for technical literacy has increased to satisfy the digital age's orders [1]. A well-prepared workforce results from government policies that support adequate financing, teacher preparation, and curriculum development. A well-educated population encourages economic growth, while a thriving economy provides resources for effective educational institutions. Education and financial success are mutually reinforcing processes. This symbiotic circle promotes sustainable development, excellent living conditions, and a more promising future on both the individual and social levels [7].

The primary aim of this study is to delve into the intricate relationship between socioeconomic factors and education. It seeks to explore how social and economic factors interplay and influence educational access and outcomes. It investigated how parents' income status and employment decisions impact their children's access to quality education. This study underscored the importance of addressing poverty and unemployment as critical issues stemming from poor access to quality education. It will emphasise the broader societal implications of these challenges. The discussion explored the complex relationship between socioeconomic factors and education, shed light on the challenges posed by poverty and unemployment resulting from limited access to quality education, and advocated for more inclusive and equitable educational systems to foster social and economic progress.

**Results and Discussion**

There is no denying that socio-economic considerations influence schooling. Wealthier students frequently have access to superior educational materials, private tutoring, and enrichment activities, which can offer them a significant edge in their academic endeavours [1]. Children from wealthy households frequently attend preschools with enough funding, laying a solid foundation for their
cognitive and social growth. However, children from lower-income families may have different access, which would disadvantage them before they begin formal schooling [17]. It is not only about finances; socioeconomic pressures can also affect a student’s capacity for concentration and academic success [10]. Financial instability and difficult family situations might cause emotional and psychological difficulties that interfere with a student’s learning ability [18].

Nevertheless, it can also significantly affect school quality between neighbourhoods. Schools in affluent areas typically receive more financing, resulting in more extracurricular opportunities, contemporary facilities, and smaller class numbers [6]. In contrast, Schools in underprivileged communities sometimes suffer from packed classrooms and shabby equipment. Additionally, let us pay attention to higher education [6]. For individuals from less affluent socio-economic situations, the expense of higher education can be a significant obstacle. They could have no choice but to turn to lending institutions, resulting in heavy debt loads that negatively impact their future financial prospects [15]. Affirmative action policies and scholarship schemes can help in this situation. In this instance, we can level the playing field and support diversity in higher education by giving financial aid and admission considerations to students from underprivileged backgrounds [19]. Addressing the influence of socioeconomic factors on education requires a comprehensive approach. It is not just about scholarships but about ensuring equitable school funding, investing in teacher training, and providing social support systems to help students and families overcome their challenges. Ref. [20]. Governments play a critical role here. By implementing policies that prioritise education funding in underserved areas and creating programs to provide additional resources to students in need, we can work towards reducing the impact of socio-economic inconsistencies on education [7].

Eventually, tackling this issue requires collaboration among educators, policymakers, communities, and individuals [21]. Only by acknowledging and actively addressing the influence of socioeconomic factors on education can we strive for a more just and equitable educational system that empowers all students to reach their full potential [6]. Thus, it is a long-term endeavour, but the rewards are immense: a society where everyone, regardless of their socio-economic background, has a fair shot at education quality and the opportunities it brings [2]. It is about creating a future where a person’s potential is not limited by where they come from but instead fostered and nurtured through accessible and supportive education. The connection between education and economic growth is crucial [16].

However, a highly educated workforce may boost productivity, innovation, and economic growth. Education gives people the information and abilities to contribute successfully to the force [22]. As a result, productivity and competitiveness rise nationally and internationally [23]. Reduced unemployment rates are also a result of education. More skilled employees are available due to a better-educated population, which can lower unemployment rates and promote economic stability. Let us remember the role of education in entrepreneurship [12]. A solid educational foundation can enable people to launch enterprises and contribute to developing jobs and economic growth [16].

Education fosters critical thinking and problem-solving abilities. These skills are vital for driving innovation and adapting to changing economic landscapes [24]—furthermore, A significant aspect in luring foreign investment in education. Investors are more willing to place their money in
nations with educated labour since it suggests a conducive climate for company expansion [12]. Education also influences consumer behaviour. An educated population makes informed decisions, leading to more stable markets and a better overall economic environment [18]. On a broader level, Social stability and inequality are improved through education. More individuals having access to higher education quality can result in a more inclusive society with fewer problems, which is beneficial for long-term economic growth [16]. However, it is essential to note that the quality of education matters as much as the quantity. More than simply increasing the number of educated individuals is required; the education provided must be relevant and current with the economy’s needs. Education needs to align with the skills demanded by industries [2]. Technical education and vocational training are essential in this situation. Moreover, as the digital era progresses, education’s function changes. In a technologically advanced society, technological literacy and digital skills are becoming more and more crucial for economic prosperity. In the end, there is a positive correlation between economic growth and education. Ref. [15]. A well-educated population fuels economic growth, while a thriving economy provides the resources to invest in quality education [22].

Conclusion

Our society’s complex socio-economic and educational factors significantly influence opportunities and outcomes. Financial circumstances impact access to education at all levels, highlighting the need for collaboration among educators, policymakers, families, and society to create inclusive environments. Education prepares individuals for the workforce, fuels innovation, reduces unemployment, stabilises markets, and fosters economic growth. In the digital age, it must include technological literacy, requiring government support for funding, teacher training, and relevant curricula.

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