

How we can make Canada a great country for kids

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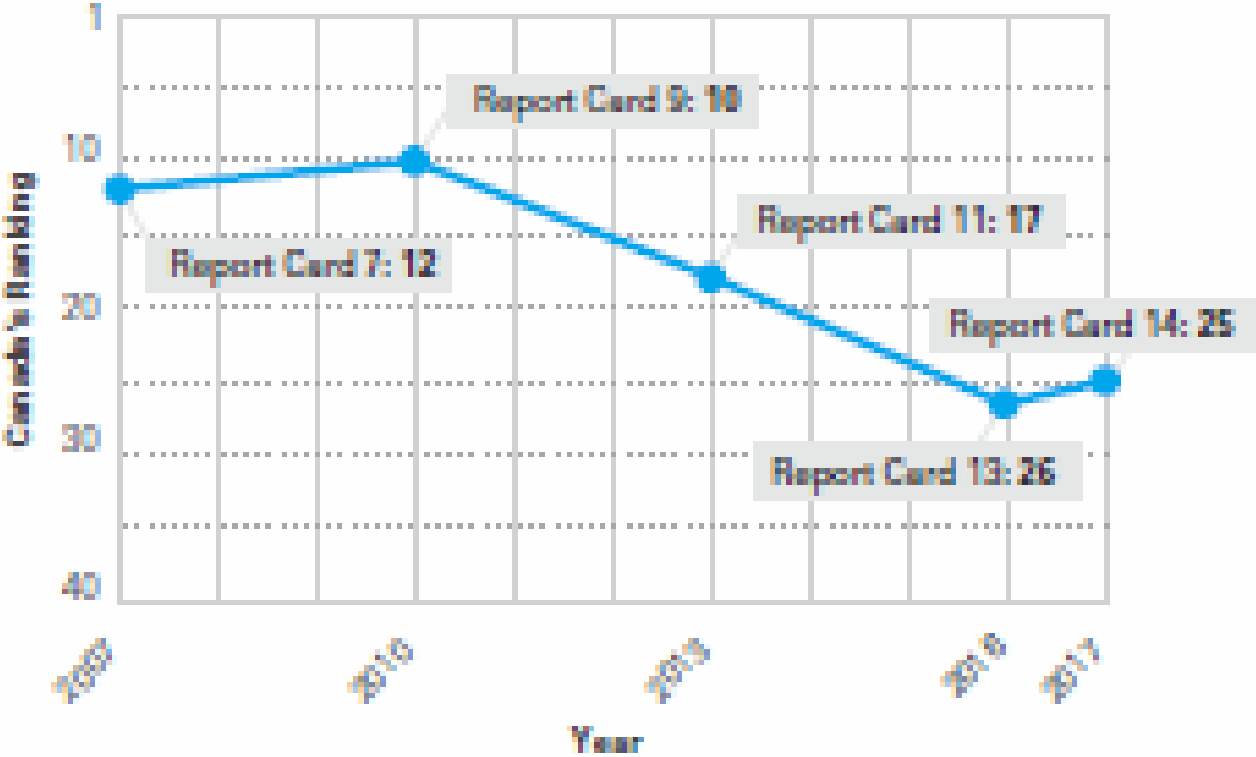
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Lines Ros Asquith



From *The Guardian*, UK edition 2007

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THE EQUALIZER

How Education Creates Fairness for Children in Canada

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We asked:

- How much educational inequality is there in rich countries?
- Why are there wider educational inequalities in some countries?
- What can help narrow inequalities while supporting high achievement and well-being?

Canada ranks



out of 38 countries in
education equality

Secondary School

Expectations for further education

9th

Primary School

18th

Preschool

22nd

Canada's rank

There is a reading gap that widens in favour of girls as children progress through school

Many First Nations children, children with disabilities, racialized children and children in care are left behind

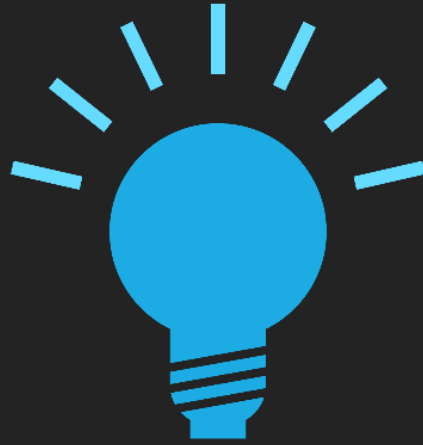
Canada's federal, provincial and territorial governments invest in education

Public education systems distribute quality teaching and resources across schools



Public schools have a range of inclusive policies and programs

Students are not selectively admitted into schools as often as in other countries



Fairness



Greatness

Income Inequality

+

School Stratification

(How students are pooled between and in schools)

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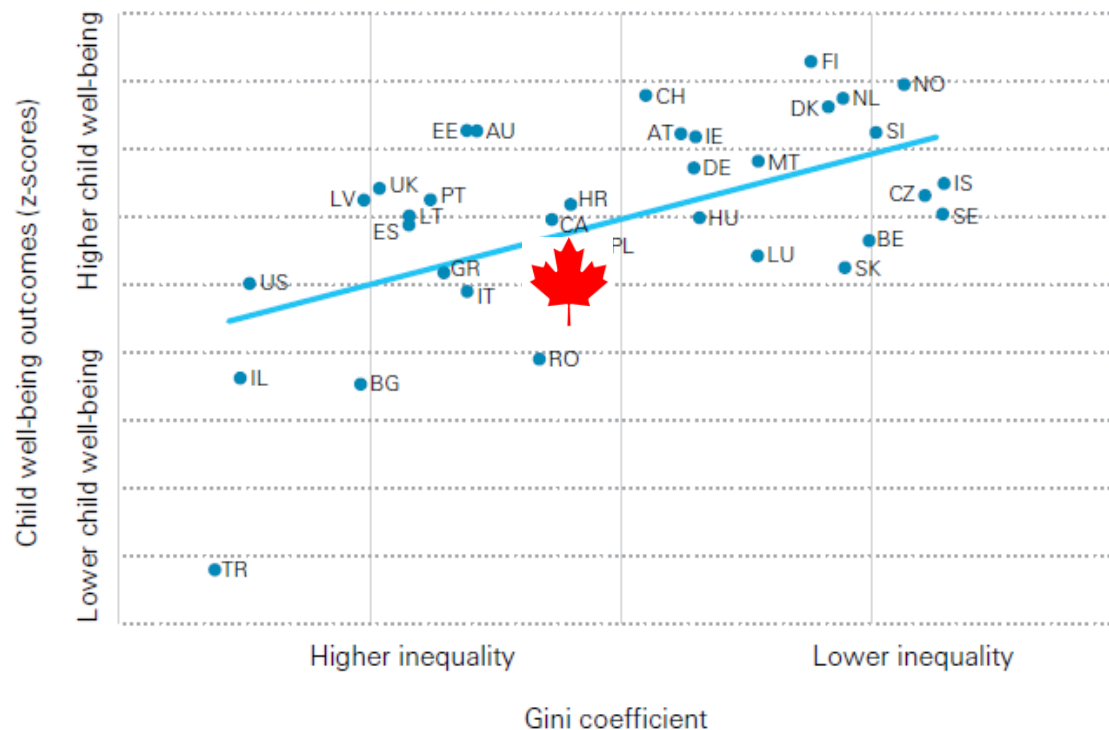
Shadow Education

(Private investment gap in children's education)

Growing threats to educational equality

Wider income inequality/lower child well-being

Figure 31 Income inequality and child well-being outcomes





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U-REPORT: Future expectations?

We asked young people what influenced their decisions to go to college or university, and what the barriers were:

- The biggest barrier that young people (41%) say might stop them from going to college or university is the cost.
- 16% of young people say they can't go because of their grades.

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Reduce

income inequality



Guarantee

*access to high
quality Early
Childhood
Education*



Close

*the gaps between
children in schools*



Establish

*A reconciliation
framework to close
gaps for Indigenous
children*



Expand

*learning for the future
- the new basics*



Make

*learning safer and
healthier*



If Canada brought to other aspects of child and youth well-being the shared commitment we have to good education, many more children would be healthy, free of violence, and able to reach their full potential

Key areas to improve:



Health

Canada ranks **29th**



Poverty

Canada ranks **32nd**



Nutrition

Canada ranks **37th**



Safety

Canada ranks **37th**

Thank you

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