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Cure for education getting diluted via its usual filters

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Apparently, at least according to the media, our educational system is failing.

If this is true, it is important that Americans do what we do best – figure out who's to blame instead of doing anything about it.

It might be the students' fault. After all, if they would just take their studies more seriously, they would be doing much better.

Then again, it could be the teachers' fault. If they were more dedicated to their profession, students would be doing much better.

Or maybe our teacher preparation programs aren't effective. If they would just teach the teachers better, students would be doing much better.

On second thought, perhaps it's the fault of administrators. If they would reward teachers for the right things, then students would be doing much better.

Which means it's probably the fault of our legislators. If they would pass realistic standards, then students would be doing much better.

So maybe the voters are to really blame. If they would elect legislators who knew something about education, maybe students would be doing much better.

Probably it's the parents. If they would support teachers more, students would be doing much better.

Of course, it could be a cultural thing. If we valued education as much as they do in some countries, students would be doing much better.

FOX News says it's President Barack Obama's fault; MSNBC says it's the tea party's fault. CNN is still looking for the plane.

Come to think of it, it might be one of those great unsolved mysteries of the universe – like Big Foot or Area 51. We may never know why students aren't doing much better.

I guess it really doesn't matter as long as we have somebody to blame.

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