

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

For the successful development of a country, it is more important for a government to spend money on the **education** of very **young** children (five to ten years old) than to spend money on **universities**.

There is a consensus between educational experts and legislators that education plays a vital role in development of a society. However, due to ~~the~~ some limitations, such as modest budget, it is necessary for governments to determine whether the elementary schools or universities take a crucial part in advancement of a society. Although the significant role of universities in this regard is undeniable, I see more advantages in spending more money on children and in following paragraphs, I will outline my reasons.

Firstly, learning is a progressive process and the performance of a 10 years old student is based on what she has learned during the first four years of her education. Therefore, if a person educates in an ill-equipped elementary school with inexperienced teachers, it is highly probable that she face some difficulties in her educational future. Primary schools present fundamental knowledge, so it is recommended by educational experts that schools should provide some extra equipment and materials, such as laboratories or scientific videos, in order to deepen the children's understanding. A society will develop successfully if it invests in their main assets, children.

Secondly, if governments do not allocate funds for university equipment or research projects, there are some private institutes supporting the students, so universities are self-reliant and can advance a country even without government aid. Most of the university disciplines are connected with the companies or hospitals, so it is possible for individuals to deal with these organizations through their professors and academic staff. For example, when I was studying in a master's degree, I was introduced by the department to a private clinic and I could managed to collect my data for my thesis. On the other hand, schools are basically dependent to-on the government in order to overcome their obstacles and these supportive communities are not reachable for them. As a result, financial aid is more crucial for schools than universities.

In sum, I incline toward the importance of government aid for **universities**, because children are more susceptible to the lack of academic tools. On the other side, they are in a golden age for learning and schools devoid of educational materials can influence their academic achievements negatively or even irreparably, which can affect the advancement of a society in the long run.