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Since ancient times, people are preferred to live in collective states. It was not easy to manage people living in groups because everybody has their own ideas and living style. So, it is impossible to make a form of government to address all minds living together. In time, with the increase of cultural interaction and develop of communication, people started to interact their ideas. As a result, need to keep people in order became inevitable. Governments always want to their people to work together and effective, search global innovations and apply them or innovate whole new thing. Also governments want to their people live in peace. Education is the simplest way to make people qualified to these requests. In our age, education is the key of the development because it has social, economic and politic effect on people.

When aim of education is asked, the first thing we thought is teaching of numeracy and literacy. “Today, aim of education is not only teach people literacy and numeracy but also make bring up people creative, sociable and thinking global and acting regional(Çakmak, 2008; 39-40).” As you can see, education has wider effect than it thought. Knowing literacy and numeracy is not enough to make people live without any problem. People should learn how to be a good person and how to live in harmony. That’s why schools are aimed personal, academic and scientific things at the same time. A nation establishes by people. A nation develops through people. A nation deaths because of people. People are the only thing can develop and carry on existence of a nation. Education has the key role about creation of people who can handle their responsibility and a society that suitable to form of government.

Economy is an activity circle around production, consumption and trading. These three are very important to measure development of a country. But not the most important. "The most important measurement to specify development of a country is quality of human resources of that country (Role of Education on Developments in Turkey and Return on Education Investment, 2008)." All economic activities is done by people. It means quality of people determines quality of economy. Education is an important factor to specify quality of people. Governments are aware of how education affects development of economy. Ünal states that “Education is an area that governments have to invest in. The source separated to education is not a spending. It is quite necessary for nations even it is the most profitable investment (1985).” It is so profitable because it will be back as workforce to the country. In Turkey, the cost of increasing average level of education is 75 dollars per person. On the other hand, provision of this investment is an increase of 260 dollar per capita income. Thus, countries invested to education will earn four times more money they invested. (Sami, 2003) Especially today, education creates significant share in income of countries.

During education period, political thoughts of people arise and take shape.

“A person's joining the mechanism of political decision-making depends on degree of political socialization. Role of education in political socialization is provide informational and emotional benefits to community. These benefits can be sorted with, consciousness of being citizen, obtaining more accurate information to the system, to create more powerful feeling of political activity and increase level of political participation (Turan, 1986;77).”

According to this information, there is connection between educational status and political consciousness. Higher education makes people more strict citizens to their nation. Governments use their education system to make their public more suitable to the form of government.

“All communities want their citizens stick to their home, nation, social values and behave suitable to constitutional and political order with in harmony with benefits of community. Educating good citizens, voter, leader and citizens open to innovation are listed targets of political goals of education (Hoşgörür&Taştan, 2009; 288).”

As shown, political effects of education is very important about development of nation. Today, nobody can win the war with only army. National thoughts on people’s minds are much more powerful than army. Education is the best way to strengthen national thoughts and create good citizens for nation.

All in all, education has the key role to create optimum society for a nation. Good personality, qualified to effective working, being good citizen, a mind with national feelings, being a conscious voter, being aware of global innovations, etc. all can be processed to people with education. All these things which in harmony are enough develop a nation. To apply them, education is absolutely the best way. At present time, army is not the measurement thing of development. We are living in age of knowledge. Today, education level is the measurement of development.

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