

Are the Schools Oppressive?

A Preliminary Report

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How do today's pupils actually feel about practices they experience in school? This definitive study¹ gives some sound, and perhaps surprising, answers.

The Problem: At the Annual Conference of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development in March 1971, the ASCD Board of Directors charged the Executive Council to "study oppressive practices in American schools." A committee of nine ASCD members was formed,² and the basic objective of study was framed in question form: "Are the schools oppressive?"

Many persons have raised serious questions about the practices and policies presently evident in American schools. Critics have described educational practices which appear to be dehumanizing. Protest groups have charged that schools are demeaning and restricting. Student strikes, violence, underground newspapers, and other phe-

nomena suggest that young people have been striking out and striking back at those institutions which were supposedly designed and which supposedly function to serve their educational and learning needs.

For the purpose of this study it was assumed that oppression is both a reality and perceptual phenomenon. It was further assumed that opportunities to exercise personal choice are desirable and liberating (that is, non-oppressive). Helping young people learn to make appropriate personal choices in schools was also assumed to be theoretically possible, operationally practical, and educationally desirable. If the schools are oppressive, choice will be restricted. If the schools are not oppressive, choice will be expanded.

The Procedures: Three separate forms of a questionnaire-type instrument were devel-

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oped and field-tested. Items were selected according to theoretical appropriateness, teacher judgment of word difficulty, and practicality. Each item was phrased in such a manner that students were asked to indicate *the extent to which the practice occurred in their school and how they felt about that particular situation*. ASCD members from each of 450 representative (according to geographical location, size of high school, holding power of high school, etc.) school situations were invited to assist in collecting data relative to school practices. Students from one elementary school classroom, one junior high school classroom, and one senior high school classroom from 149 school districts across the country finally participated in the study. One third of the students in each classroom completed Form A of a 75-item student questionnaire, one third completed Form B, and one third completed Form C. In all, 10,731 students were involved. Item analyses of students' responses to each of the 225 items were accomplished according to sex, race, grade level, personality type (as measured by a modified version of the California F-Scale), and local situation. Additional data were also collected from the teachers and administrators who worked directly with each classroom group of students who were involved in the study. Other data (not reported in this article) were also collected in the form of tape-recorded interviews with students, teachers, and administrators.

The Results: Incomplete responses were available from 353 students, so the final sample included 10,378 students. Of that number, 5,020 indicated they were male, 5,320 indicated they were female, and 38 students did not indicate their sex.

No grade level was indicated by 135 students, and the remainder were distributed as follows: 27 in grade 4; 1,554 in grade 5; 1,848 in grade 6; 1,202 in grade 7; 1,374 in grade 8; 957 in grade 9; 1,150 in grade 10; 1,116 in grade 11; and 1,015 in grade 12.

A total of 73 students omitted their race designation. Of the remainder, 9,134 indicated they were white; 138 indicated they were American Indian; 612 indicated they

were black; 41 indicated they were Oriental; 268 indicated they were Spanish surnamed; and 112 indicated "all other races."

Summary data for all students responding to each of the 225 items on the three forms of the instrument are reported. Students were asked to respond to each of 75 items in two ways: "how often our school is like this," and "how I feel about this." For our purposes here, student responses to these two aspects of each item have been combined, and the data reported here show the percentage of students who responded in each of four possible ways:

1. Our school is like this often or most of the time, and I feel good about it.
2. Our school is like this often or most of the time, and I am bothered by it.
3. Our school is not like this very often or never, and I feel good about it.
4. Our school is not like this very often or never, and I am bothered by it.

Readers are invited to study these data and make their own interpretations.

In general terms, a careful study of the data reported here suggests that the feeling of young people toward school is basically positive, but that many students feel that schools are oppressive. Students see their teachers in favorable ways, generally, whereas they seem to feel that the schools' programs and policies tend to become increasingly restrictive as they go up the grades in school.

In brief, the following generalizations seem reasonable after a careful study of these and other data which have not been reported here:

1. Males feel that school is more oppressive than females do.
2. Non-whites feel that school is more oppressive than whites do.
3. Tenth grade students feel that school is more oppressive than students who are attending either lower or higher grades in school.

Future studies will describe the procedures and report additional data in more detail.

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1	Marks in a class are based entirely on how much we have learned	55.6	20.9	10.8	12.7	49	Students in this school like each other.	10.7	20.7	4.2	4.5	10.8	11.3
2	Students in this school try all sorts of ways to be friendly, especially to newcomers	53.4	4.5	5.2	36.8	50	Teachers tell us what we must know	60.9	5.2	4.3	7.2	19.8	11.3
3	Our teachers are usually glad to receive suggestions from the students.	60.5	4.2	4.6	30.6	51	The teachers and the students here are actively concerned about ways to make this world a better place to live.	60.9	20.7	7.2	4.5	19.8	11.3
4	Students and teachers often plan together about what to do in a class	30.0	3.8	15.2	51.1	52	If you don't know how to do something, you should ask for help.	8.1	16.2	61.6	14.2	28.4	14.2
5	My teachers try to understand me	61.7	4.4	4.8	29.3	53	Pupils who cheat are automatically failed.	29.5	22.8	30.1	23.8	23.8	23.8
6	We don't go to school if I didn't have to	26.6	14.7	38.7	19.9	54	Our school yard is littered.	4.7	32.6	53.0	9.6	32.6	53.0
7	What counts in most of our classes is what's in the textbook	33.4	29.3	25.3	9.3	55	I don't know how my teachers feel about me	17.3	38.8	24.2	19.6	38.8	24.2
8	Students help in deciding what activities the class will do	33.4	3.3	11.0	52.4	56	Students are encouraged to think things out for themselves	72.8	10.2	5.7	11.2	10.2	5.7
9	Most of the work in our classes comes from the textbooks	44.5	34.1	16.5	5.0	57	Students are expected to report any violation of rules and regulations.	41.1	23.9	21.0	14.0	23.9	21.0
10	Our teachers don't care what students think or what's important to them	2.4	13.6	69.0	14.9	58	Either the white or the black is the others	7.2	28.8	53.6	9.2	28.8	53.6
11	In this school there is a lot of competition for grades	37.6	24.1	23.0	13.3	59	The value most stressed in this school are open-mindedness and objectivity	43.8	12.4	13.1	30.8	12.4	13.1
12	The important people in this school expect others to show proper respect for them	36.7	38.9	14.2	10.2	60	Social problems are not discussed in this school	28.8	13.1	33.7	24.4	28.8	13.1
13	Teachers want to help us learn for ourselves	79.2	6.0	4.7	10.1	61	The school rules are not fair	11.4	33.7	39.3	15.7	33.7	39.3
14	If you don't do what the teachers want they don't like you	7.2	38.1	35.0	19.7	62	New ideas are met with immediate enthusiasm by teachers in this school	41.9	8.9	7.9	41.4	41.9	8.9
15	We are not given enough freedom in choosing our courses	12.7	31.0	31.7	24.7	63	My teachers are sarcastic	14.8	24.7	46.6	13.8	14.8	24.7
16	My textbooks are up-to-date	55.6	6.4	6.2	32.0	64	This school acts as if a person's feelings on a topic are not as important as the facts	13.8	38.7	34.8	12.7	13.8	38.7
17	Students want to be called on before speaking in class	42.8	19.1	19.3	18.7	65	Teachers here like students to use a lot of imagination and give good marks to those who do.	51.5	16.0	17.3	15.4	51.5	16.0
18	Students have a chance to decide how much work they should do in a class	13.6	4.3	19.9	62.1	66	You need permission to do anything around here	22.7	49.5	23.6	5.4	22.7	49.5
19	It would be easy to organize a new club at this school	38.5	3.6	13.0	45.1	67	Other students make fun of you for how you dress.	5.0	26.3	57.8	10.8	5.0	26.3
20	If a student has to be absent from school, his classmates usually pick him up and help him get up on his feet	46.1	4.1	9.7	40.2	68	Where you live is important to most of our teachers	15.5	8.0	66.2	10.0	15.5	8.0
21	There are no favorites at this school--everyone gets treated alike	24.3	9.3	7.7	58.7	69	Most of the teachers here try to decorate their classrooms so that students will find them pleasant.	60.7	5.0	11.0	23.4	60.7	5.0
22	Our playground space is adequate	65.0	6.8	6.0	32.2	70	I am not afraid to express my opinions here in this school.	50.5	12.0	18.0	19.5	50.5	12.0
23	Our teachers don't pay attention to what we are interested in	15.8	23.7	28.9	31.8	71	When students think a teacher's decision is unfair, they can get it changed	18.6	10.0	13.1	58.4	18.6	10.0
24	If you want to go to the library, you have to get permission	43.7	42.5	10.1	3.8	72	The students are treated fairly in most of the school activities	68.1	5.9	3.5	22.4	68.1	5.9
25	Everybody has to do the same thing in class at the same time	39.2	33.9	20.2	6.5	73	The teachers think students are important people	60.3	4.2	5.2	30.2	60.3	4.2
26	Some of the teachers in this school treat students differently just because of their personality	8.0	36.7	41.1	14.2	74	I feel there are too many rules at this school.	8.3	44.1	38.8	8.9	8.3	44.1
27	Some of the teachers in this school have too many students in their classes	91	29.8	53.9	7.2	75	Some teachers seem to enjoy disciplining students	13.3	41.6	33.1	11.8	13.3	41.6
28	Our teachers want to know what we think about things	57.3	6.4	7.3	29.0	76							
29	We get a chance to help determine our grades in some classes	34.7	3.1	15.2	46.8								
30	If you aren't part of their group, other students don't like you	7.0	47.4	32.5	13.0								
31	In most classes there is very little joking and laughing	27.1	18.0	37.0	17.9								
32	At the end of the school year usually all the teachers give us an understanding and respect for the rules of society	70.1	3.5	9.5	17.1								
33	Usually all the teachers give us an understanding and respect for the rules of society	60.4	5.2	8.4	26.0								
34	If a student is accused of something by the school, he has a chance to tell his side of the story	59.9	6.8	24	31.0								
35	The teachers decide what we should learn	36.1	49.6	9.4	4.8								
36	If your parents are somebody important, the teachers are nicer to you	8.9	40.5	38.5	12.4								
37	The teachers in this school encourage students to do independent work	65.7	11.5	8.5	14.4								
38	If you misbehave in this school you may be paddled	18.4	28.3	43.4	9.9								
39	There are too many bullies at this school	5.6	38.4	45.6	10.4								
40	Our teachers have all of the teaching supplies (paper, chalk, paint, crayons, etc.) that we really need	61.3	3.5	4.5	30.9								
41	Our teachers have all of the teaching supplies (paper, chalk, paint, crayons, etc.) that we really need	60.8	4.6	7.3	27.4								
42	What students think about something is pretty important to our teachers	49.6	5.9	7.8	36.7								
43	This school is too concerned about manners, dress, and appearance	18.1	31.0	39.8	11.1								
44	An attempt has been made to make this place comfortable and attractive	56.6	4.3	5.3	33.9								
45	My teachers have a good sense of humor	65.4	3.2	4.6	28.8								
46	Very few topics or problems we study here arouse much excitement or feeling	25.3	27.0	20.9	26.8								
47	Students in this school are free to follow their own desires	27.1	4.9	16.2	51.8								
48	Everybody has an equal chance at things such as school patrol, office worker, and so forth at this school	46.5	4.2	7.5	42.0								

FORM B N=3912

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1. Students in this school can change the things they don't like	16.2	36	19.2	61.2	49. Other students in this school do not make fun of you for what you believe	26.8	16.7	32.0	22.5	49.5
2. Most students are considerate of others	50.0	7.1	4.8	38.0	50. The teachers pick on some of the kids	5.8	41.1	40.7	12.5	40.7
3. The teachers in this school are willing to listen to student complaints	55.9	4.6	2.7	36.8	51. Students are encouraged to be imaginative when they write	64.3	10.2	12.7	12.8	12.8
4. I am learning things in school which help me learn	74.2	2.4	4.1	19.1	52. This school believes everybody should go to college	38.8	14.9	37.3	8.8	37.3
5. The teachers really understand how I feel about important things	37.4	4.0	6.4	52.3	53. Our student organizations are closely supervised to keep us from making mistakes	45.3	16.2	17.3	21.0	17.3
6. Even if you don't like a class you have to keep on taking it	14.8	61.0	18.7	7.4	54. The classrooms are a mess	4.8	38.1	50.2	7.0	50.2
7. Some teachers assign unreasonable amounts of homework	4.7	41.5	41.8	12.1	55. Sometimes a teacher seems to like you and the next day you don't know of the school when they have done something wrong	7.9	49.9	32.0	10.2	32.0
8. The teachers in this school give students the benefit of the doubt	37.9	10.7	11.8	39.7	56. Students are usually made to answer to the principal	15.6	7.3	43.0	34.1	43.0
9. Everybody is expected to learn the same thing	31.4	30.5	29.7	8.4	57. Students are encouraged to criticize this school	34.5	40.7	18.3	6.5	40.7
10. Teachers laugh at you because of what you believe	2.4	13.6	69.0	14.9	58. We don't laugh at you or won't have anything to do with you	6.2	39.4	45.0	9.5	39.4
11. In this school there is too much pressure for grades	7.8	41.7	41.0	9.6	59. Students in this school are expected not only to have ideas but to do something about them	48.7	11.7	16.1	23.3	11.7
12. Student arguments often turn into fights	8.6	37.8	42.8	10.9	60. Interest in dramatic or musical activities is discouraged by this school	15.6	10.8	81.8	11.8	10.8
13. Our teachers encourage us to talk about controversial things like religion and politics	22.2	7.3	47.6	23.1	61. Students in this school are punished without knowing the reason for it	4.6	19.1	62.3	14.0	19.1
14. Teachers like us only if you do and say the things they want you to	9.2	41.7	38.3	10.7	62. Teachers here are genuinely concerned with students' feelings	47.0	5.2	9.1	38.5	5.2
15. Where we sit in class usually is decided by our teachers	16.0	52.4	28.0	3.6	63. Some of the women teachers show favoritism toward boys in their classes	12.0	16.8	53.1	16.0	16.8
16. The furniture in our classrooms can be placed where we want it	12.2	2.8	33.0	52.0	64. Any form of political activity in this school is strongly discouraged	13.7	14.2	59.6	12.5	14.2
17. Students in this school seldom talk back to their teachers, however much they are provoked by them	37.2	30.8	29.2	19.0	65. Student groups discuss current problems and issues	46.6	8.1	17.3	30.0	8.1
18. We can tell our teachers how we would like to study something	18.7	3.7	12.7	46.4	66. This school is pretty clear about not letting students chew gum	17.2	30.8	38.2	10.8	30.8
19. How much you are expected to learn depends on how smart you are	33.9	19.2	23.9	23.0	67. Some students force other students to give them things such as money	5.1	20.6	61.3	12.7	20.6
20. Students in this school have a reputation for being very friendly with each other	58.8	5.1	5.5	30.4	68. The teachers are not fair in their criticism of my work	7.3	24.8	54.0	13.8	24.8
21. Most of the students look up to their teachers and admire them	30.8	4.4	24.9	39.9	69. Students in this school are proud of the building and take good care of school property	39.3	4.8	10.0	46.0	4.8
22. The furniture in our classrooms is comfortable	31.8	5.1	4.2	59.0	70. Students feel free to express their complaints in this school	48.6	4.9	6.2	40.4	4.9
23. Teachers don't care how students feel about each other	16.7	20.5	35.3	27.5	71. In this school if you need to go to the bathroom, you get up and go without permission	9.4	3.3	27.4	80.0	3.3
24. When we want to go from one place to another in class we have to get permission	29.7	41.2	24.1	5.0	72. My teachers are honest with me	72.7	4.4	4.3	18.6	4.4
25. Most of our teachers require us to memorize a good deal	16.3	26.5	48.8	6.7	73. The teachers in this school like the students	71.4	4.6	5.8	18.2	4.6
26. Teachers in this school are always after the students to do more and better work	41.7	36.1	16.7	5.4	74. Students are paddled in this school	12.7	28.6	48.3	10.1	28.6
27. We don't have very much equipment in our school	15.0	24.6	37.9	22.4	75. I would go to another school rather than this one if I could	19.5	9.2	61.6	9.1	9.2
28. We spend a good deal of time in class	50.6	8.4	11.2	29.8						
29. The rules we are expected to follow are important ones	53.2	10.5	7.6	28.6						
30. It's difficult for new students to get to know other people at this school										
31. Teachers fuss at students for no reason	8.7	27.5	56.3	7.6						
32. Most of what we do in this school is done because the students really want to do it	3.4	31.8	51.5	13.3						
33. Teachers encourage students to think about exciting and unusual careers	34.8	5.9	10.8	48.4						
34. The school has a dress code	30.8	6.1	28.4	34.8						
35. Everybody has had a chance to help write which the students had a chance to help write	26.4	4.3	27.4	41.8						
36. Some of my teachers don't grade fairly	8.4	19.9	65.9	9.0						
37. The school stimulates students to think	4.7	33.5	44.1	17.6						
38. What course we will take is decided by the school	49.3	13.1	13.6	23.9						
39. Some groups of kids pick on other groups	12.9	30.7	48.8	7.5						
40. Our teachers are interested in us	7.9	48.4	32.2	11.5						
41. We can change the size of the rooms in our building with sliding doors or through other means	56.5	4.1	9.8	29.5						
42. The teachers in this school encourage students to think and to be creative	14.2	3.4	31.0	51.2						
43. There are too many rules and regulations in this school	61.2	9.1	8.9	20.9						
44. There are enough clothes for school	6.9	44.8	40.1	8.4						
45. You can sit with most of the teachers	80.1	4.7	3.2	12.1						
46. Everybody has to do the same thing in class at the same time	63.4	2.5	9.2	25.0						
47. My teachers want to know what I think and feel	29.7	35.4	29.0	5.9						
48. Nothing much is said if a student happens to report to class a little late occasionally	37.8	11.1	23.4	27.7						
	29.3	14.7	25.4	30.6						

FORM C N=3719

	Our school is like this often or most of the time and I am bothered about it	Our school is not like this very often or the time and I am bothered by it	Our school is like this often or most of the time and I am bothered about it	Our school is not like this very often or the time and I am bothered by it
1. If you try real hard, teachers in this school will give a good grade even if you weren't able to learn very much.	38.7	4.5	24.4	32.5
2. This school encourages us to be concerned for the rights and needs of other students.	58.3	6.2	8.8	26.7
3. Teachers call us by the names we would like to be called by.	82.0	2.8	3.5	11.7
4. Teachers in this school encourage open classroom discussion.	59.6	7.1	9.2	24.1
5. This school is interested in helping students with their personal problems.	40.8	4.3	17.2	37.6
6. We don't have much chance to say when we want to study something.	11.2	29.0	17.3	42.5
7. There is too much homework required.	5.5	36.7	50.0	7.8
8. Teachers in this school go out of their way to help you.	44.1	2.8	9.8	43.3
9. On our tests, our teachers ask questions about unimportant things.	9.6	21.3	54.4	14.8
10. Most teachers don't like you if you don't believe the same things they do.	2.7	22.9	55.8	18.3
11. Only a few students can get the best grades in a class even if everybody did real good.	9.1	27.9	46.0	16.9
12. Kids threaten others unless they give them something they have.	4.3	30.8	45.8	19.0
13. This school helps students develop leadership abilities.	56.6	3.1	8.4	31.8
14. Teachers think they have a right to tell you what you should think and even how you should feel about something.	6.7	34.5	43.9	14.9
15. On the playground or in physical education we don't get much chance to decide what we want to do.	12.0	40.1	25.6	22.4
16. The size of our school building is ok.	66.5	4.2	3.1	26.1
17. Most of our teachers are too strict with their pupils.	8.6	30.6	48.1	14.7
18. We get a chance to say what we would like to study in a class.	21.0	2.9	12.4	63.9
19. Students don't get along with other students who are about as smart.	26.2	20.2	35.0	18.6
20. Students often help one another with their lessons.	70.9	6.3	10.1	12.7
21. Students get the grades they earn, whether or not the teacher likes them.	68.8	7.6	3.7	19.9
22. We have enough light in our rooms at this school.	87.3	4.1	1.7	6.9
23. Teachers are only interested in what is in the book and what we think doesn't matter.	6.5	30.8	47.4	15.3
24. Students must have a written excuse for absence from class.	45.7	40.7	10.1	3.4
25. In class we listen and then answer questions or take a test.	43.6	29.5	19.3	7.6
26. Our teachers think we are lazy.	6.3	50.8	32.3	10.6
27. The equipment in our building is too old.	4.2	39.5	47.4	9.1
28. In class we study those things which the students have said are important to them.	31.1	4.8	11.7	52.3
29. Students are treated fairly even if they are being punished for breaking school rules.	54.1	8.7	5.5	31.7
30. It's hard to make friends here because there is so little opportunity to meet with other people.	5.3	18.1	30.7	15.0
31. If you aren't very smart, the teachers ignore you.	3.7	24.8	55.6	15.9
32. When teachers ask questions they want to see what you think, not to find out if you know the right answer.	47.3	8.4	13.3	30.9
33. Our teachers let us decide how we want to study as much as possible.	20.1	2.6	13.7	63.6
34. The students in this school have a chance to give the rules and regulations.	16.6	2.9	19.4	61.1
35. We have to do and what we have to do.	21.1	41.9	21.1	28.2
36. The teachers act like they want the students to feel embarrassed.	4.6	26.5	52.4	16.4
37. This school helps students become independent thinkers.	55.4	3.8	6.3	26.4
38. Teachers tell us too much what we have to do and what we have to be like.	8.3	41.4	41.9	10.5
39. The older kids pick on the younger kids.	6.5	45.4	39.8	8.2
40. Everybody is treated equally by the teachers at this school.	43.6	5.8	4.8	45.1
41. Our school has an attractive building.	54.0	3.2	7.1	35.6
42. The teachers in this school encourage originality in classroom and tests.	57.4	10.4	9.6	22.7
43. Students in this school who are not neatly dressed are likely to be called down for it.	10.5	22.3	51.3	11.5
44. I have a comfortable, well lighted place at home in which to study.	79.1	2.8	5.7	12.4
45. The teachers in this school are friendly.	75.9	3.2	3.4	17.5
46. The instructional pattern in this school is listen, read, and recite.	27.1	24.2	37.8	10.7
47. I like most of the things I have studied in school.	62.9	3.0	4.8	29.2
48. Everyone has the same opportunity to get good marks here because the tests are marked very fairly.	76.8	5.5	3.1	14.7
49. Kids in this school are not troubled by going to school with members of other races.	44.8	10.5	33.1	11.5
50. Some of the teachers act like they want the students to be afraid of them.	6.3	36.3	44.3	13.2
51. Classroom discussions are exciting in.	53.3	3.5	7.4	35.8
52. Students have a lot of active student participation to express opinions different from the teachers.	8.5	36.7	46.2	8.6
53. Teachers insist that students come to school well-dressed and well-groomed.	28.6	64.2	41.2	11.9
54. There aren't enough teachers in our school.	12.5	16.1	60.1	11.1
55. Some of our teachers have bad moods.	7.7	57.4	25.4	9.5
56. It's ok to express a point of view that is unusual or unpopular in this school.	49.3	7.0	9.5	34.1
57. Students are made to take the blame for things, whether they did them or not.	5.7	37.5	43.5	13.5
58. If you do something wrong and another student finds out, he will threaten to tell if you don't do something for him.	5.5	29.5	52.9	12.2
59. The student newspaper in this school carries articles which criticize some practices which go on in this school.	21.6	9.4	44.0	25.1
60. Teachers here do little more than repeat what's in the textbook.	30.5	31.5	29.3	8.7
61. Everything that is done in school is for the sake of things, no matter how good or bad they are at it.	25.4	40.4	25.8	8.6
62. Everyone, no matter who gets to have his say about things in our class.	51.8	7.1	8.3	32.6
63. The teachers like some of the students more than others.	12.5	60.5	19.7	7.4
64. People here tend to hide their deeper feelings from each other.	22.0	43.9	25.3	8.9
65. There is sympathy here for ambitious daydreams about the future.	24.4	9.5	32.6	33.5
66. Most of our teachers are too strict with students.	6.3	33.9	47.7	12.2
67. Some students pick on other students on the way to school or on the way home.	8.6	40.9	39.6	11.1
68. Our teachers act as if things are more important than people.	6.6	29.5	54.4	10.5
69. We have the equipment in our classes which we need.	60.2	5.4	4.1	30.5
70. Students here are encouraged to develop their own personal ideas.	62.3	5.8	6.3	25.7
71. If students in this school wanted a newspaper of their own without a faculty sponsor, they could have it.	22.4	4.1	18.7	54.6
72. The teachers try to be fair in dealing with students.	73.1	5.3	2.9	18.8
73. My teachers like me.	75.2	3.5	6.9	14.6
74. Even students who are not interested in school parties are expected to attend.	23.3	15.7	49.8	10.9
75. I wish I could quit school.	16.3	10.2	58.4	14.9

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