

Derek Bok Quotes

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If you think education is expensive, try ignorance.

~Derek Bok

As countries embrace mass higher education, the cost of maintaining universities increases dramatically relative to an elite system.

~Derek Bok

There is far too much law for those who can afford it and far too little for those who cannot.

~Derek Bok

The first country to adopt happiness as an official goal of public policy is the tiny little country of Bhutan in Asia near China and India.

~Derek Bok

I think one thing that does cause unhappiness is protracted anxiety and worry.

~Derek Bok

If you think the cost of education is high, think about ignorance.

~Derek Bok

I think any self-respecting educational institution ought to judge its policies by its best estimate of what their long-term consequences for their students and for the society will be.

~Derek Bok

There's a great deal of difference between thinking reflectively about moral issues and achieving higher standards of ethical behavior.

~Derek Bok

Efforts to develop critical thinking falter in practice because too many professors still lecture to passive audiences instead of challenging students to apply what they have learned to new questions.

~Derek Bok

I suspect that no community will become humane and caring by restricting what its members can say.

~Derek Bok

The oldest of the arts and the youngest of the professions.

~Derek Bok

Universities are institutions run by amateurs to train professionals.

~Derek Bok

Education, and I regret to say this as an educator, but there's no indication that education has a direct effect on happiness.

~Derek Bok

Good teaching is creating really interesting generalizations out of war stories.

~Derek Bok

I won't say there aren't any Harvard graduates who have never asserted a superior attitude. But they have done so to our great embarrassment and in no way represent the Harvard I know.

~Derek Bok

Early admission programs tend to advantage the advantaged.

~Derek Bok

Fewer than half of all university professors publish as much as one article per year.

~Derek Bok

Despite the hours spent debating different models of general education, the choices faculties make rarely lead to any significant difference in

the cognitive development of undergraduates.

~Derek Bok

Ever since economists revealed how much universities contribute to economic growth, politicians have paid close attention to higher education.

~Derek Bok

Greater inequality in Europe has made people less happy.

~Derek Bok

Freshly minted Ph.Ds typically teach the way their favorite professors taught.

~Derek Bok

I think it's sort of an outrage that companies should have to hire firms to teach the college graduates they employ how to write.

~Derek Bok

If we are prepared to invest the necessary time and effort, affirmative action can contribute to Harvard's quality and not detract from it.

~Derek Bok

I think the minority students that we admit to Harvard are every bit as meritorious as the white students that we admit.

~Derek Bok

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