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The answer is EDUCATION. It is urgent that we educate all Singaporeans, especially the young, to see the importance of being creative. In early June 1997, PM Goh Chok Thong unveiled his vision of "Thinking Schools, Learning Nation" and has led to numerous changes in the curriculum and also the training of teachers in the use of thinking tools. Many schools have started their own thinking program to keep in cycle with the vision. As with any new initiatives and programs, there are obstacles and problems along the way that will be faced by the schools. One of the major obstacles faced by Singaporeans at large is that we suffer from creative paranoia. Creative paranoia is a term I coined to describe the insecurity of most Singaporeans in their ability to be creative and as a result, they cease any attempts to be creative. Such negativity will definitely hinder Singapore in its pursuit to be a center of creativity and innovation. This is a major problem in the education of the young on creative thinking. The courses on teaching thinking by the ministry are necessary and a great help to many teachers who are wandering in the "jungle" of teaching thinking. In my opinion, the main concern of this paradigm shift towards a thinking culture in school is not the pupil's lack of ability to absorb thinking skills. On the contrary, perhaps it is the educators who are imparting the thinking skills to the young that deserve our attention. Are educators here psychologically prepared to be vessels of thinking skills to the future pillars of Singapore ?

Or, are we still victims of self-induced creative paranoia ?

We have to break the limits of creative paranoia first, before we, as educators, are able to impart the thinking skills to the young with strength and passion. Another problem of implementing a thinking program in school is the resistance to change of the teachers. Teachers who are used to their traditional methods of teaching may find the learning and use of new teaching strategies a chore for them. A word of advice to heads of schools who are planning to implement this program——NURTURE the change. A program will not be successful unless every member involved is ready for the changes ahead and is willing to undertake his tasks with responsibility and passion. Thus, the success of this program is inevitably dependent on the ability of the head of the school to communicate the vision and to gather support from the staff involved. In short, a credible thinking program should not just enhance the brain ware but also the "HEARTWARE". There is a need to inculcate a creative thinking culture in schools for thinkers (including staffs and students) to challenge them to seek continuous improvements. Slogans such as "DARE to CHANGE, DARE to INNOVATE" and other inspiring messages must be taught and be deeply fixed in the hearts and minds of our people. Yes, I have to admit that this is a revolution indeed !

A "Thinking Revolution" that will ensure Singapore's progress and prosperity in these violent times as we marched into the next millennium. To conclude, this article does not seek to explain fully the workings of nurturing a thinking culture / program in Singapore's education system but to create an awareness of its importance to meet the nation's future challenges. There will be glitches along the path towards the vision but I am sure we, the educators of Singapore, would THINK SMART and INNOVATE to ensure its success. So, should we teach thinking ?

The question is rhetorical. (961 words)

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