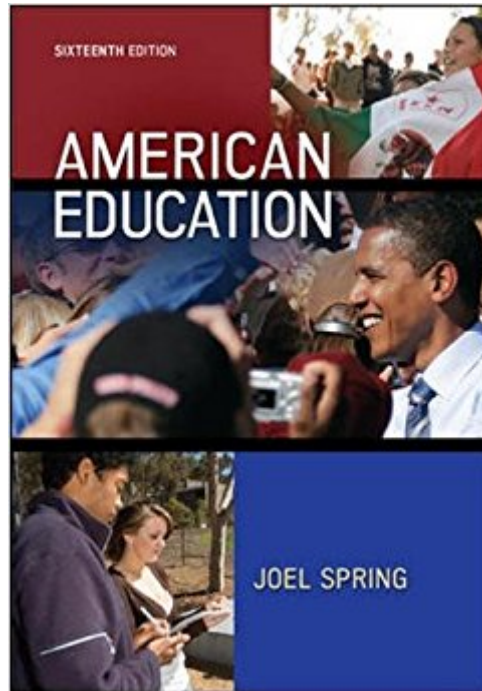




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## Synopsis

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Joel Spring received his Ph.D. in educational policy studies from the University of Wisconsin. He is currently a Professor at Queens College and the Graduate Center of the City University of New York. His great-great-grandfather was the first Principal Chief of the Choctaw Nation in Indian Territory and his grandfather, Joel S. Spring, was a local district chief at the time Indian Territory became Oklahoma. He currently teaches at Queens College of the City University of New York. His major research interests are history of education, multicultural education, Native American culture, the politics of education, global education, and human rights education. He is the author of over twenty books and the most recent are *How Educational Ideologies are Shaping Global Society*; *Education and the Rise of the Global Economy*; *The Universal Right to Education: Justification, Definition, and Guidelines*; *Globalization and Educational Rights*; and *Educating the Consumer Citizen: A History of the Marriage of Schools, Advertising, and Media*.

Joel Spring well informed every year on the changes and updates of the American school system. Uses practical examples and fairly up-to-date incidences. The court cases which are used as

historical facts are well represented for the changes throughout American education. Gives the reader a strong foundation for the functioning or lack of in the public school system. My only request for a change with this text is that the annual up dated addendum's are placed on a website so the book can be given a reasonable annual price for the students pocketbook.

This was a required textbook but I thought it was extremely well written. I was surprised by the tone of the book but less when I discovered that it was written by a Native American scholar. The very inclusive and open to discussion approach of the book gives a broad perspective to new teachers. It puts things in perspective, we understand why the system works and is designed this way, how it addresses the needs of a huge variety of ethnicities and communities that come to stay in the US. Great book to read for anyone interested by education.

I enjoy Joel's writing and research, The text is informative and unlike other books on the topic, is written with a fair amount of style. My complaint is the many editions of the book that have been published. It seems a ploy by publishers to keep the the book in new circulation and void resale value. Why not post updates online for purchasers of an older edition?

If you enjoy reading FACTUAL policies and history as it pertains to education, this is the book for you! Required for a credential program, but I could not put it down! Spring has a way of combining news-reporter style and anecdotal story telling in describing the concepts. Very enlightening and enthralling. I hope I get to meet Spring one day.

Easy to search. Reading was a bit labored because it was a bit choppy and when scrolling through pages, the book needed time to "catch up" to my scrolling. All in all, I would recommend this book toward the hard copy, mainly for the search fxn.

Good book with a lots of info. However, a lots of information, especially statistical data, is just quote from somewhere else and not clear, needs more supportive materials

Good concise overview. Glad my professor chose it. Also introduces the effect that Common Core Curriculum may have in the future. A little scary when it explains the global reach of testing/textbook publishing companies and their influence on education. If you're not majoring on policy, you might consider renting it.

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