

Learning from Failure

There is a modern trend towards equality and egalitarianism, in academia and in school's competitive sports, and as such the knowledge of how to deal with failure properly is being avoided, and thus not learned. It is an increasing practice of academia and sports to preserve every student's sense of self confidence, and as a result students are not being told that their school work is substandard and worthy of a failing grade.

Along this thinking many team sports have stopped taking scores so that there can be no winners or losers. However, there is no such atmosphere in general society that is sympathetic and concerned with an individual's sense of self esteem, and in the real world substandard work results in negative consequences, such as losing one's job. This practice has a tendency to make students mediocre, and fearful of taking risks. Learning from failure teaches tenacity, gumption, character, and makes one tougher and more capable of navigating life's inevitable ups and downs.