

Review of: "The Young Pioneers of Cuba: The Formation of Cuban Citizens through Civic Education"

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The article presented is interesting and well-written; it adequately presents the methods and ways in which the research is approached, as well as the results obtained. In order to contribute to its improvement, the following observations are made, which are easily correctable. First of all, it is worth clarifying that education is always ideological; there is no education without ideology because it is, as Freire pointed out, always a political act. It is true, as the author states, that certain political regimes associated with extremes have exacerbated the ideological and reproductive guidelines of the school, but this does not mean that Western models are not such either. Secondly, we would have to work on the details of the sample; it is a very small sample for the conclusions drawn. Perhaps it is relevant to present it in a more general context of Cuban education than for those who read the article from another part of the world. It is more understandable to you. In this sense, a crossover with Western educational models would also be interesting, especially given the conclusions reached by the author and the need to work on Critical Education for Global Citizenship, since, as the author himself states, it is about of a model that at times could be considered very Westernized; of course, this is diluted when we observe that many of the problems highlighted for the Cuban model are repeated in other places in Latin America. Here it is necessary to make one more reservation: certain ideas that are presented as exclusive or authentic to Cuba are also repeated in other Western countries, such as the role of the state as guarantor and regulatory agent of the academic content taught. Finally, I do not want to fail to mention the need to review certain classic bibliography on the construction of nations and the role of the school in it: HOBBSAWM, ANDERSON, among others, are obligatory references on these topics. In this sense, I believe that the intersection with some theorists from philosophy such as Bourdieu and Foucault would contribute to the analysis carried out. I hope that the comments contribute to continuing to think about an extremely interesting article with a lot to give. Greetings