



***What is Just?* Education, Excellence & Equity**

Difficult Dialogues

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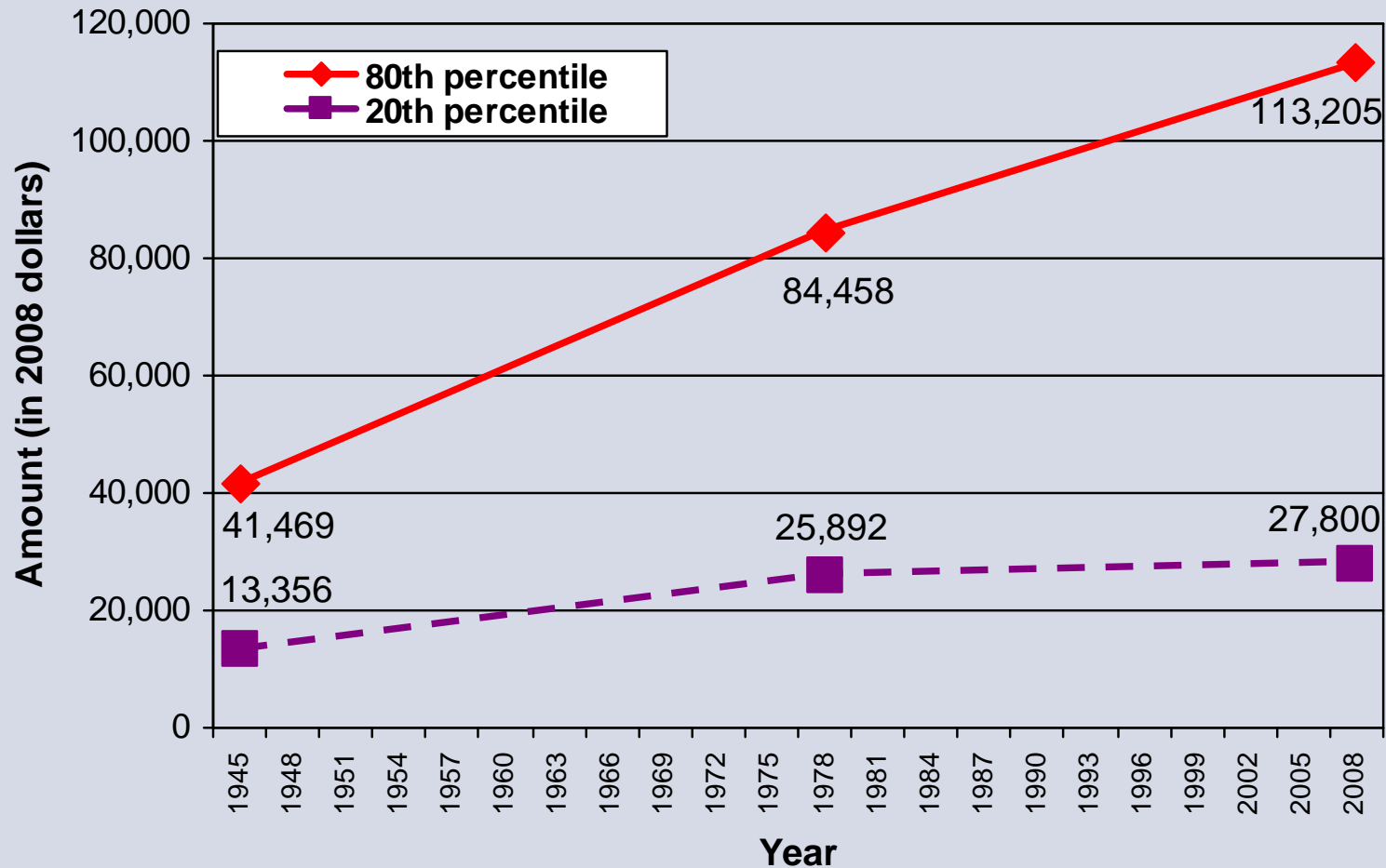
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Is it just
that the quality
of education that
a child receives
be determined
by zip code or
family income?



Growing Family Income Gap

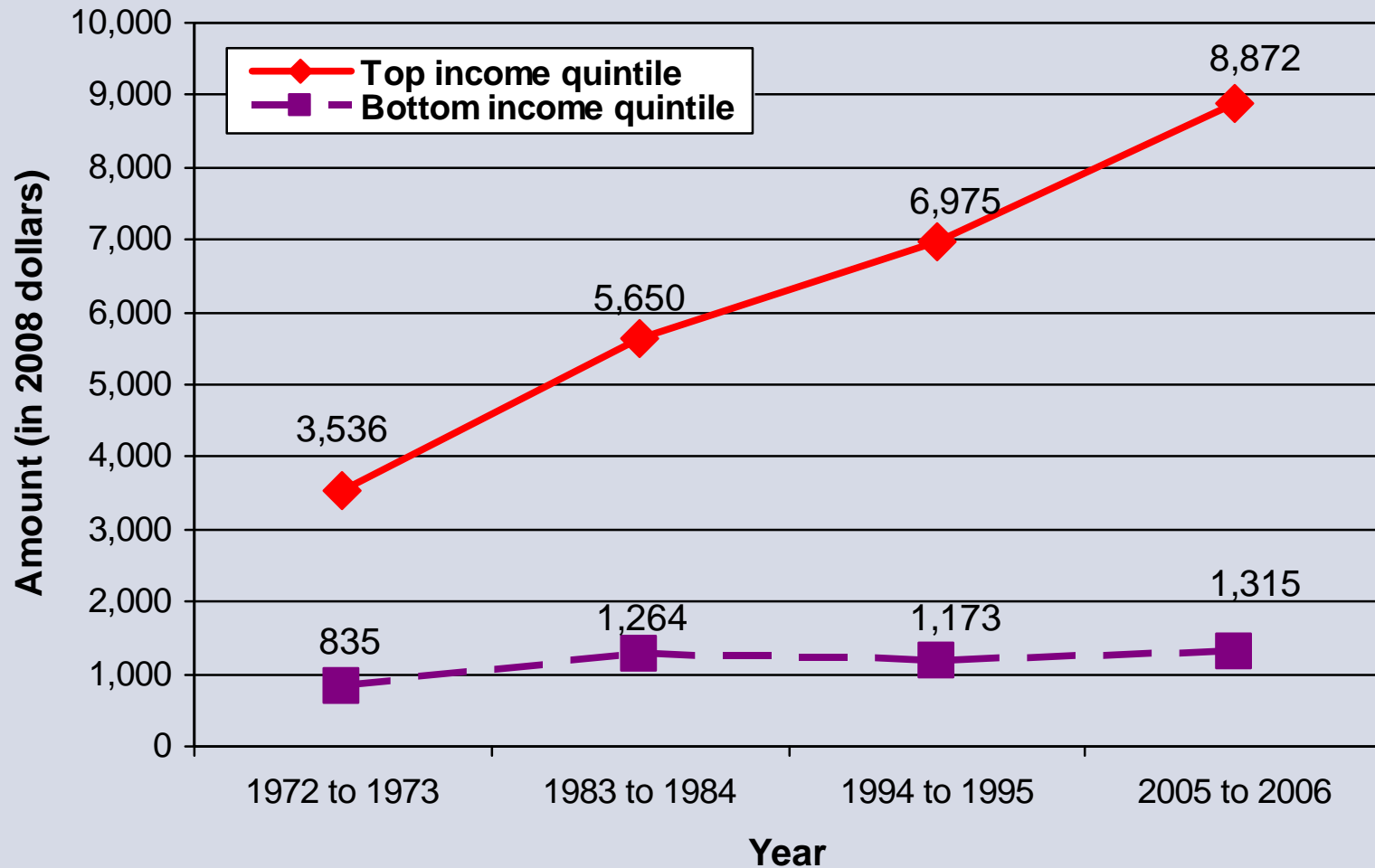


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Growing Enrichment Gap

Funds spent by families to enrich their child's education



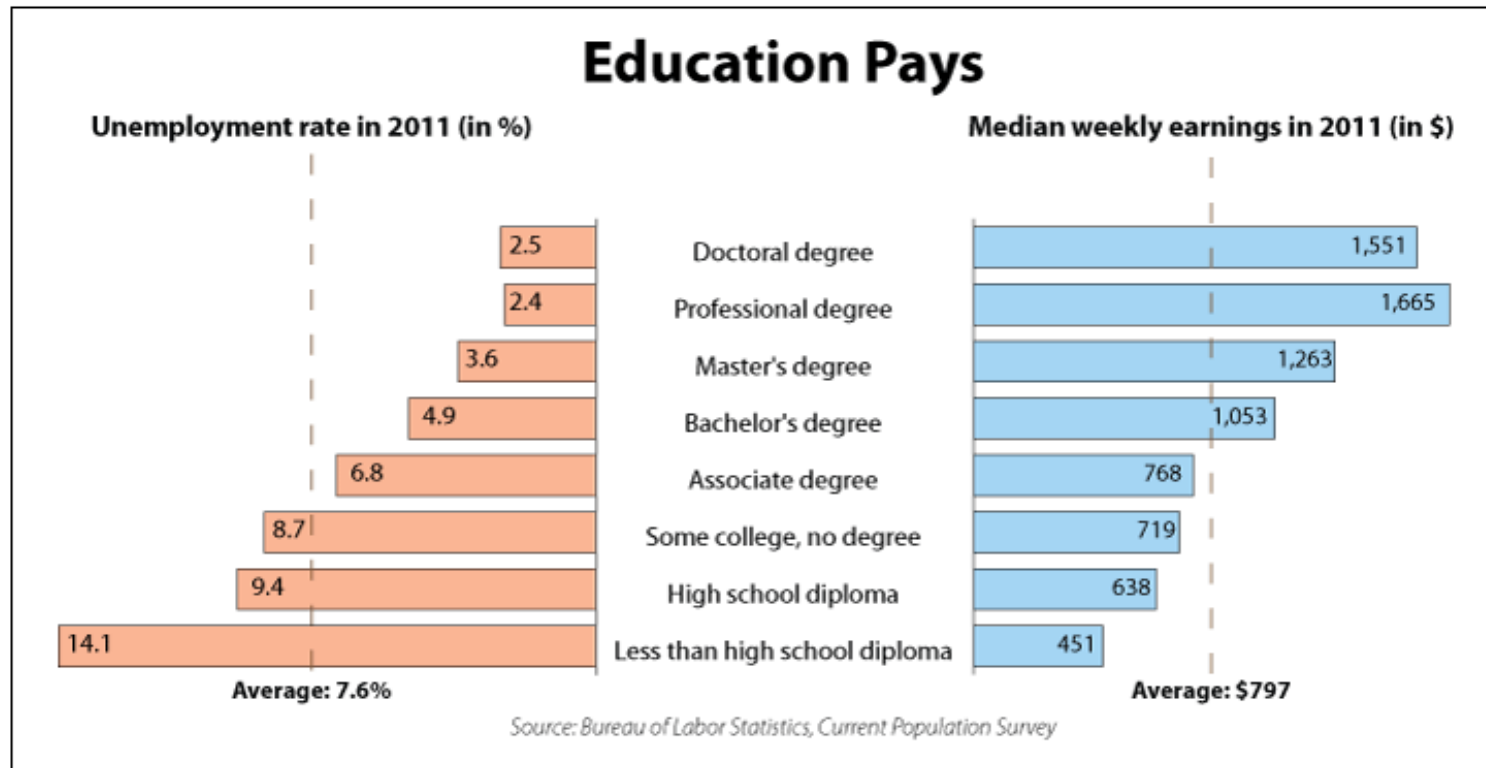
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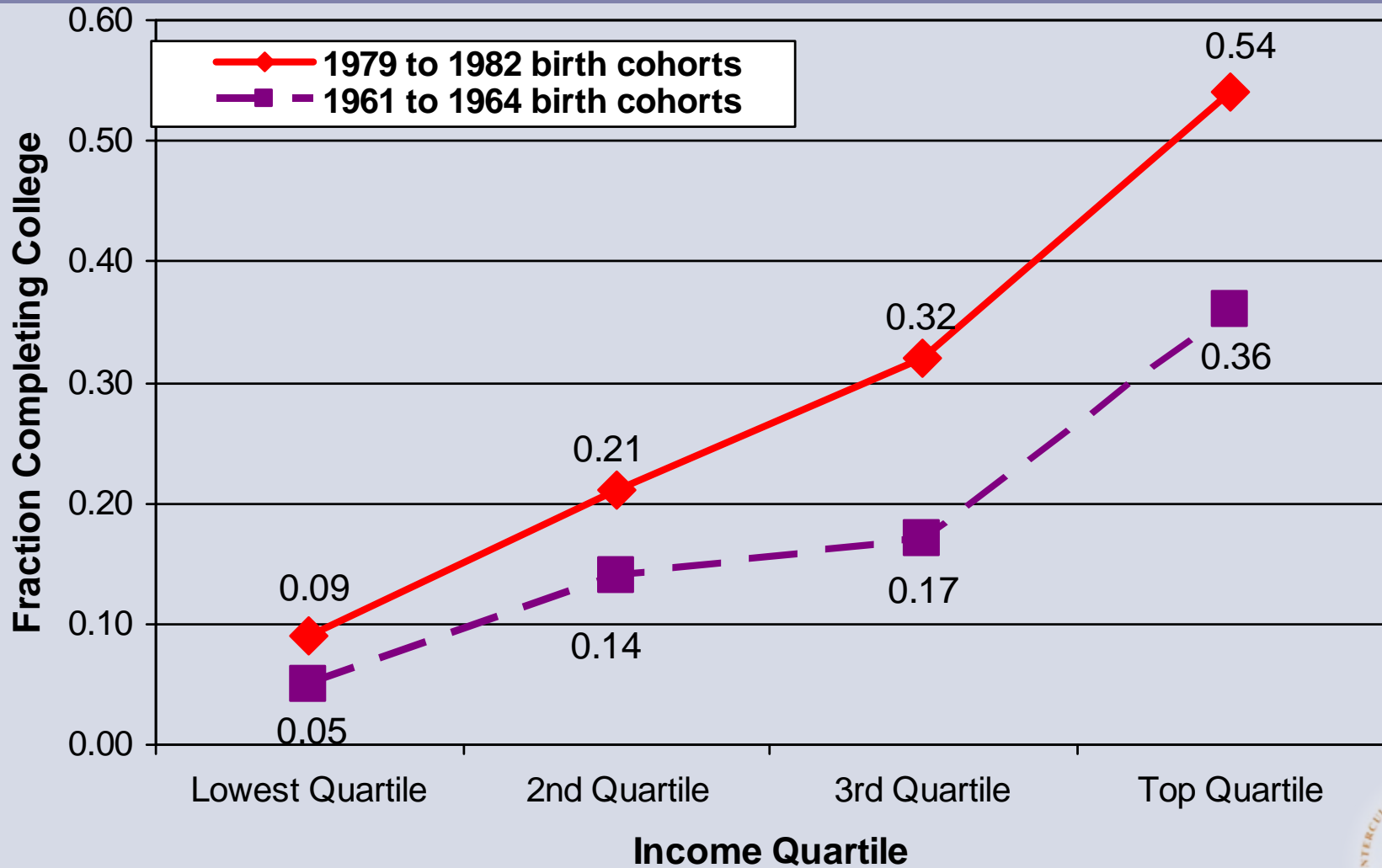
Income influences education and education influences income

Education pays ...

Education pays in higher earnings and lower unemployment rates



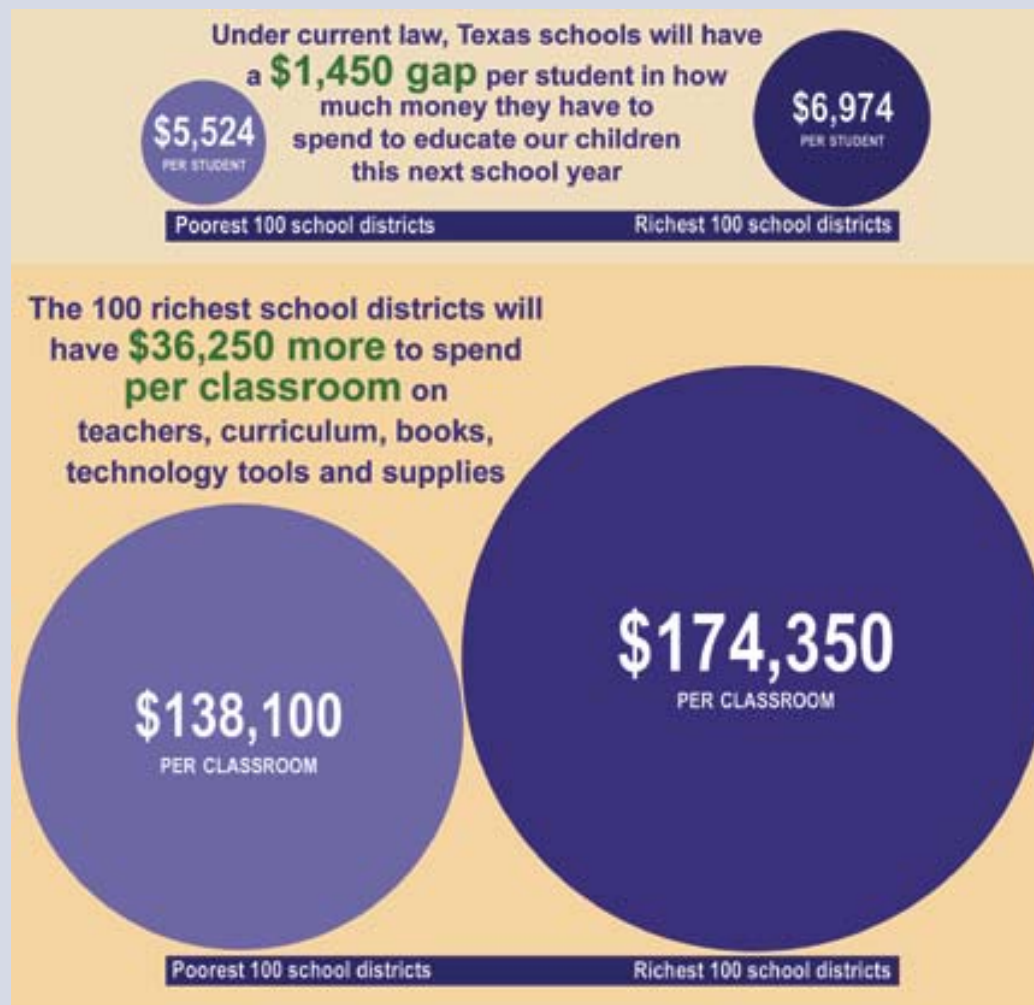
Growing College Completion Gap by Income

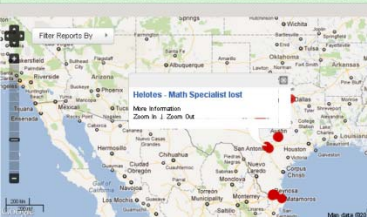


Texas Public School System

- Student enrollment – **2nd**
 - Over 4 million students; 60 percent economically disadvantaged, up 45 percent in decade
- Wealth (GSP) – **2nd**
- Per Pupil Expenditures – **38th**
- Average Salary of Public School Teachers **31st**
 - Poorest schools (all levels) – least access to qualified teachers
- In 2011 **billions cut from preK, k-12 education and scholarships**

Per Pupil Spending Gap (Texas)





Fair Funding Now!

School, community and family leaders are examining data on the magnitude of school funding cuts (www.idra.org – Fair Funding Now!) and speaking out about how funding cuts and inequities are affecting their schools and communities

(schoolfunding.crowdmap.com/)

Stories posted on SchoolFunding Crowdmap

El Recorte de fondos afecto por que mis hijos no pudieron recibir tutoria en el verano. - Parent, Donna ISD

My third grader's math specialist position was cut. He's now spread between three schools. Ours isn't one of them. We could really see a difference in how our daughter was improving when she was meeting with him. - Parent, Helotes

I care for and love my students. I have been deeply affected by budget cuts. I have not had enough money to purchase more playbooks and novels to make class sets so I could allow my children to take a book home to re-read or do homework. – Teacher, Northside ISD

How many countless families have to make the decision between school supplies, uniforms, sports, fine arts and food on the table, rent, utilities and medicine. Shame on us for putting families in that impossible situation on a daily basis. – Community leader, San Antonio

**How are funding cuts and inequities affecting your school?
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