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The Project on Government Secrecy of the Federation of American Scientists has reported on Road Map for National Security: Imperative for Change, the Phase III Report of the U.S. Commission on National Security/21st Century that was publicly released on January 31, 2001. The Commission comprises a number of former high-level security officials--e.g., US Senators, a Speaker of the US House of Representatives, a US Director of Central Intelligence. Through its SECRECY NEWS, the Project has opined that "the Commission's conception of education is about as narrow as it could be. It does not refer to education for freedom and citizenship but to a kind of vocational training..."

However, p. 39 of the Commission's report notes that "Education is the foundation of America's future. Quality education in the humanities and social sciences is essential...but education in science, mathematics, and engineering has special relevance..." Although the Project and its SECRECY NEWS--especially their comprehensive access to source documents--are extremely valuable contributions to an understanding of security and intelligence Issues, we hope that the occasional misinterpretation becomes even more rare. (See Benbow, C.P., & Stanley, J.C. (1996). Inequity in equity: How "equity" can lead to inequity for high-potential students. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 2, 249-292; Brody, N. (1996). Intelligence and public policy. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 2, 473-485; Intelligence community fixed; send money. (February 1, 2001). SECRECY NEWS, <http://www.fas.org/sgp/index.html>; Road map for national security: Imperative for change. (January 31, 2001). The United States Commission on National Security/21st Century; Tirozzi, G.N., & Uro, G. (1997). Education reform in the United States: National policy in support of local efforts for school improvement. *American Psychologist*, 52, 241-249.) (Keywords: Education, FAS, Federation of American Scientists, National Security, SECRECY NEWS.)