

# Government

Wise rulers know that  
the best way to defeat opposition  
is to win over its leaders;  
England was slow to learn that,  
in an industrial society,  
this means appropriating and educating  
the able children of the lower classes  
when they are still young.  
But eventually the rulers did learn;  
in a competitive world they had to.

**Michael Young,  
The Rise of the Meritocracy**