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# *Banking Education*

*by Paulo Freire*

the teacher teaches and the students are taught;  
the teacher knows everything and the students know nothing;  
the teacher thinks and the students are thought about;  
the teacher talks and the students listen - meekly;  
the teacher disciplines and the students are disciplined;  
the teacher chooses and enforces his choice, and the students comply;  
the teacher acts and the students have the illusion of acting through the action of the teacher;  
the teacher chooses the program content, and the students (who were not consulted) adapt to it;  
the teacher confuses the authority of knowledge with his own professional authority, which he sets in opposition to the freedom of the students;  
the teacher is the Subject of the learning process, while the pupils are mere objects.

(Paulo Freire, 1970, *Pedagogy of the Oppressed* [New York: Continuum], p. 59.)

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