**禁止色盲學生進醫學院的商榷**

**陳東榮**一個人有缺陷, 已經是不幸的事了, 但是夢想跟毅力可以克服缺陷. 最令人不滿的, 就是偏偏有人, 以歧視, 主觀, 再築一道高牆, 來阻擋這些人去實現他們並非不可能的夢想. 最近(2014.06.14)台大醫學院提出建議, 要禁止色盲學生申請醫學院。  
  
台大兩位主任提出恐怕誤診，影響病人權益的這個建議初看似乎合情合理，尤其是關乎病人權益。但是, 分辨顏色有困難，是不是就會讓色盲的學生無法學習醫學? 不能成為一位好醫生？如果不禁止，這些色盲醫生真的都會誤診，危害病人嗎？台大做過什麼調查？有何可靠的證據？或是只以一些膚淺的觀察做結論呢？

全世界的主要國家都不禁止色盲者入醫學院, 只有印度及中國。 我們不應以缺陷來決定誰可學什麽？也不是看他學習過程有多困難？而是要看他學習的成果合不合格？我們不能主觀地預測他會誤診，教育過程中，有足夠的機制來檢驗學習的成果，決定是否賦以重任? 以此來做為避免誤診，避免危害病人權益的作法, 才是根本之計。  
  
美國不限色盲學生入醫學院，甚至招收全盲的醫學生, 還有全盲的大學麻醉科主任 (New York University) 。 所以美國有不少色盲的醫生，藥劑師及䕶士。供給我們不少資料, 來反對台灣開倒車。

無可否認，色盲學生在某些課程中是有困難，但由這調查來看, 這並沒有想像中的嚴重。因為在醫學的學習中，還有很多依據形狀, 位置, 觸診, 聽診, 病史等其它的方法, 顏色的分別並不是必要的診斷角色。尤其現代的科技帶來了很大的助力。

在這些調查中，我們知道，色盲學生無法勝任醫學學習的想法是沒有根據的，教育界不應該拒他們於門外, 而是應該輔導他們, 在學習上減少他們的困難，以及幫助他們選擇以後的專科。醫學的領域，有足夠的空間及需要，讓任何缺陷的人都找到他能發揮的餘地。

我們建議教育工作者, 對於提議的本質, 判斷, 決策先要有深切的瞭解與多方面, 多層次的思考與共識。 希望在將來的全國醫學院長會識中, 有一個明智的決策。

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