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## Abstract

Money is one of the most influential factors in our society, but many times its effects are intangible. Other studies have shown the lack of correlation between increased government spending and higher test scores, but in these tough economic times, increased spending is not an option. This paper strives to show the connection between cuts in funding to education and the decreasing test scores that have been seen in the past few years.