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- **donner votre opinion sur « les téléphones portables ».**

Les téléphones portables, nocifs ou non ?

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*ADN = DNA

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- **donner votre opinion sur « le bac à l'examen ».**

Le bac à l'examen

C'est un élément du paysage scolaire auquel il vaut mieux renoncer à toucher si on est un ministre de l'Éducation Nationale soucieux de son avenir politique. Le baccalauréat demeure « le meilleur ambassadeur du système scolaire français » à l'étranger. Mais le paradoxe n'est pas négligeable : depuis que l'objectif des « 80% d'une génération au niveau du bac » est atteint, le bac en France a perdu beaucoup de sa crédibilité. Et c'est à ce moment, pourtant, qu'il est cité comme modèle dans la plupart des pays européens.

En Italie, l'examen équivalent qui, jusqu'en 1998, était obtenu par 96% des lycéens, ne se composait que de deux épreuves écrites, l'italien plus une autre, et deux oraux. Le choix a été remplacé l'an dernier par un examen (écrit et oral) déterminé par le ministère.

En Angleterre, le système des A-levels repose sur le choix, par les élèves, de quatre matières (parfois moins), mais le syndicat national des enseignants – qui parle d'une baisse du niveau de la culture générale lycéenne – voudrait voir augmenter le nombre de matières faisant l'objet d'un examen.

Mais c'est en Allemagne, où l'on voit des différences entre les régions, que le caractère national du bac français séduit particulièrement.

Les rares études internationales comparant les résultats des différents systèmes scolaires sont pourtant loin de prouver la supériorité du baccalauréat français sur d'autres systèmes d'évaluation. L'étude la plus récente a placé en tête les Pays-Bas (bac composé à la fois d'une évaluation au sein de l'école et d'un examen national), puis la Suède, pays du contrôle continu.

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- **donner votre opinion sur « la bonne alimentation ».**

Les bases d'une bonne alimentation

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*l'huile de colza = rape seed oil

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- **donner votre opinion sur « la police française ».**

La police française est-elle violente, raciste et au-dessus des lois ?

Dans un rapport sur la période 1992-2006, Amnesty International s'inquiète d'une trentaine d'affaires de graves violations des droits de l'homme, prouvées ou présumées, commises par des policiers, le plus souvent contre des jeunes. Ces violations ont pris la forme d'homicides, d'actes de torture ou autres brutalités policières ainsi que d'injures racistes. Toutes ces affaires concernent des personnes d'origine ethnique non européenne.

La plupart des plaintes pour mauvais traitements policiers ont été déposées à la suite de contrôles d'identité où les victimes ont reçu des coups de pied, de poing ou de bâton.

Le rapport critique notamment l'absence de définition exhaustive de la torture dans le Code pénal français et condamne l'existence d'une justice « à deux vitesses » beaucoup plus rapide pour les plaintes déposées par des policiers que pour les plaintes déposées contre des policiers.

Plusieurs victimes de violations ont signalé qu'elles ne se sentaient même pas capables de dénoncer les violences qu'elles avaient subies, parce que la police décide souvent de ne pas enregistrer leurs plaintes.

Face à l'augmentation continue du nombre de plaintes, Amnesty International a formulé une gamme de recommandations – notamment que tous les gardés à vue* puissent consulter un avocat dès le début de leur période de garde à vue, que tous les interrogatoires de police soient filmés et surtout qu'un organisme indépendant soit créé pour remplacer les mécanismes internes de plainte.

Selon Jean-Luc Garnier, secrétaire général du syndicat de gardiens de la paix, les chiffres contenus dans ce rapport sont « sortis de leur contexte » et sont « tout bonnement ridicules ».

*(un) gardé à vue = (a) detainee

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L'air respiré au bureau influence les résultats du travail

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Les Français et « l'entreprise responsable »

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†Actionnaires = share-holders
‡EDF = Électricité de France

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