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The Crisis of the Meritocracy: Britain's transition to mass education since the Second World War

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'The Crisis of the Meritocracy: How Popular Demand (not Politicians) Made Britain into a Mass Education Society', traces the rise of mass education in the UK since 1945, from a society in which only a small minority went even to secondary school or only 1-2% to higher education, to one where everyone goes to secondary school and half to higher education. The origins and drivers for this transformation are not necessarily what you might expect - not the well-known acts of politicians and legislators, but changes in the needs and expectations of the wider public.