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The World Needs More Mistakes

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"I think the world needs more mistakes," says Tim Draper, managing director of DFJ. According to Draper, the current education system too generously rewards perfection and not making mistakes, which runs counter to creating a society full of world-changing entrepreneurs.



Transcript

I thought, there is something wrong in education and I didn't quite know what. And I looked and I said, you know, it's the A. The A means don't make any mistakes. I think the world needs more mistakes. I think Penicillin was a mistake, Velcro was a mistake, Facebook was a mistake, these were all mistakes, these were the extraordinary thing happening because people were willing to fail. They were willing to try and fail. So I don't recommend necessarily going out there and just failing all your classes, but I do want you to, when you read the stuff, when you do it, think and then try stuff.