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Subject: Stop "Common Core"

Message:

Please DO NOT allow "Common Core" to be introduced in Pennsylvania schools. Ladies/Gentlemen: In 1965, I received my degree in Education from one of the nations finest teacher preparation colleges. I had begun my studies in 1956 and after my sophomore year I spent four-years with the United States Marine Corps. I couldn't help but notice a huge decline in academic requirements and student abilities upon my return in 1963. Four-years later, when I began graduate studies, I couldn't believe the pathetically low academic level of students in the undergraduate programs. Seeing the increasing interference of the Progressive Establishment, and the concentrated effort to "dumb down" the American public, I left the teaching profession after only six-years. Between 1960 and 1978 I raised three sons who attended public school, grades K through 12. In 1984 I started a second family—a daughter—who also attended public schools, except for three-years in Catholic School, after I realized the public schools had become pathetic excuses for educating children, and primarily devoted to indoctrination into a Liberal/Socialist Mommy State. I have been a very close observer of public education and its incredible decline for over fifty-years now, and I am appalled at its horrendous decline. Public Education is horribly damaged! I cannot see how anyone can fail to see what damage the Federal Government has done to our entire society and culture by its increasing interference in our education system. For roughly 6-million years man had been evolving from a creature who probably didn't yet have even the rudiments of a language, to a level of existence that provided us with men like Shakespeare, Milton, Shelly, Keats, Frost, Jefferson. For over three-hundred years, since the first university was founded in the United States, it was the goal to raise the level of education in our country to as high a degree as possible. In a mere forty-eight-years, with horribly misguided attempts to fix one or another social problem, the government has succeeded in dismantling three-hundred years of maintaining and striving for excellence, into the present sad state, where we now have to set up—government funded, of course—programs to teach university students how to read. We now have auto mechanics who would make better street cleaners; teachers who would best be laundry workers; attorneys that should be making license plates; doctors who would better serve mankind by being hot-dog vendors; and a president who... Well, the jury is still out on that one since, thus far, he hasn't proven to have an aptitude for much of anything, except lying. And now, yet again, the Federal Government is meddling in education—an area in which it has no Constitutional right to be meddling—and I see no reason to believe that the "Common Core" program which

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they are attempting to cram down the throats of the American public will be anything less a disaster than the multitude of other Federal Government programs which have proven to be nothing but utter failures and wastes of taxpayers money over the last forty-eight-years. You must not allow "Common Core" to be implemented. It is time that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania realizes the danger and begin doing what is right to fix the mess the Federal Government has made of our schools.