



Political Solutions For Public Education

Politicians prefer expensive, complicated and unworkable programs. Politicians attempt to make water run up hill. Look at their solutions:

- **Reduce classroom size:** Even if the ratio is reduced to one below average I.Q. teacher (or ignorant substitute teacher) per one poorly reared child, nothing changes.
- **Teach self-esteem:** No one can teach self-esteem (self-worth, self-confidence). A waste of taxpayers' money. "We gain self-confidence (self-esteem) through accomplishment; no other path leads to its development." (*Mothers, Leadership, and Success, p. 63*)
- **School uniforms reduce gang formation and enhance learning:** A red herring to disguise public education's real problem - poor child-rearing practices.
- **School prayer:** Another red herring to divert the focus of decent, devout, and well-meaning parents away from facing up to incapable mothers avoiding their child-rearing responsibilities.
- **Student drop-out rate:** A mammoth red herring, a masquerade measurement of meaningless manipulation. "For example, four generations ago in 1900, only 6.3 percent of the sixteen- and seventeen-year-old population finished the eleventh grade (the final year of high school in many communities)... President Harry Truman was one of those graduating in 1901, finishing seven years of grammar school and three years of high school. He did not attend college." (*Mothers, Leadership, and Success, p. 278*) Even with a 93.7 percent dropout rate, a sixth-grade elementary education in 1900 was superior to a twelfth grade education in 2002.
- **Test Student Proficiency:** The largest red herring of all - a red whale. The ultimate camouflage for failed public education. When public school employees are judged by the outcome of the test that they administer, the results are suspect. Currently, test manipulation is rampant. And no teacher or school administrator goes to prison for falsifying test results.

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