

# Betsy Devos, A Repeat Of The Reagan Education Disaster

We Are Facing a Repeat of the Reagan Promise!

*The significance of the charter school/school choice issue is NOT related strictly to educational choice. It is related to acceptance of a communist system of governance where decisions are made by appointed, not elected officials. Appointed officials cannot be removed from office by voters/taxpayers. By Charlotte Iserbyt, January 2011*

*And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children. Isaiah 54:13 KJV*

When Trump issued the word "REFORM" in the same sentence with Betsy DeVos I knew he was intending to back off his promise to shut down the Federal Department of Education.

With HUNDREDS of Education researchers in this country, he picks the rich Bush Charter/Voucher women who if she cared one red cent about our children she would have refused the offer stating she wasn't qualified. She knows that as well as we do. We will now see the rise in school-to-work education and confirmation that she is not only a supporter of a New World Order but that she is also a socialist/communist at heart.

How anyone can endorse this woman for the top education position in our country and not know what the true agenda of the Charter/Voucher push is all about is a mystery to me.

Ronald Reagan was elected president of this country not because he was a great man or because he was a movie star, but because he had stated he was going to shut down the Federal Department of Education because in the first place it was unconstitutional.

Then he brought in his worker bees, Terrell Bell, Bill Bennett, Lamar Alexander and others who whispered in his ear and said, you know we really don't have to do that – all the department needs is some tweaking and everything will be just fine. What most Americans don't realize is that Reagan also signed no less than 2 treaties with Russia during his presidency which was directly linked to the sharing of education information.

Researchers around this country knew Trump was going to have to be educated regarding Charter/Choice/Vouchers when he said he supported Choice. With all the names that have been submitted for Education Secretary – he picks the one the least qualified.

**Who are the Neo-cons who recommended Betsy DeVos? Reince Priebus, Newt Gingrich, Lamar Alexander, McConnell, Grassley, Murkowski, Burr or Cassidy** – with most of them sitting on the Senate oversight committee that approved her. Most of them acted like a high school senior protecting the new blonde in the school if anyone happened to ask DeVos a good question.

She has no background experience to hold this position other than the money she has given to ruin our children's futures. Her kids went to private schools! She went to private schools and to prove my point, Sen. Lamar Alexander stated on the DeVos appointment "she is an excellent choice".

Sure, because she agrees with him on the idea of controlling our kids 24/7.

As Secretary of Education will the DeVos Foundation STOP and DESIST from the funding of any organization/foundation of which has ANYTHING to do with education or are we faced with another "pay to play" using our children as the collateral? Signing an agreement didn't work with Hillary in relationship to her appointment and the family Foundation.

By nominating Betsy DeVos, the Trump administration has

demonstrated just how out of touch they are with what works best for students, parents, educators and our local communities. Just this one time I agree with NEA President Lily García when she stated, “She (DeVos) has consistently pushed a corporate agenda to privatize, de-professionalize and impose cookie-cutter solutions to public education.”

DeVos is EVERYTHING Donald Trump stated during the campaign process that is wrong with America – she is an ultra-wealthy heiress who uses her money to game the system and push a special-interest agenda that is opposed by most voters.

How can these people continually get away with dis-honoring the First Amendment when taking tax dollars to fund private/parochial schools? Once they take that hard-earned money of Americans they are no longer private schools. How are they making up the deficit and loss in revenue by playing the federal game? Increasing property taxes!

Things You Need to Know About Betsy DeVos:

- DeVos has NO background in Education other than funneling money to education causes with the direction and relationship of those wishing to nationalize our education system. The Clinton School –to-Work legislation is not a joke.
- Everything you read about Betsy DeVos is about her loyalty to the Republican Party over everything else. How will that fit in with loyalty to what is best for our children?
- She attended Private school and earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration and political science and was “involved with campus politics.
- She sits on the Board of Directors of Jeb Bush’s foundation *ExcelinEd* which strongly supports Common Core, Charter, Choice and Vouchers for our children.
- She also sits on the Jeb Bush foundation *Excellence in Education* which was the first and foremost leader in the

push and endorsement of Common Core.

- With her sitting on this board, it tells me she was fully aware of all the backroom dealings that went on to get the CCSS in place along with the Data Mining, National Sexuality Education Standards, standardized testing and the treatment of our children as if they were all Common “Human Capital”.
- She likes to explain her support of the CCSS as only endorsing the part about high standards, strong accountability and local control. If this is true than she has not read the documents and heard the speeches by the likes of Sen. Lamar Alexander and Marc Tucker to name two who are pushing for nationalized cradle to grave control of our children. You cannot have it both ways Betsy. American researchers have told parents and politicians for over 30 years that every “dumb” and “damaging” thing that has been done to the education system was not for better education.
- Elected Chairman of the Michigan Republican Party four times between 1996 and 2005.
- Having myself realized during the Obama terms in office that there really is no difference in the “D” and “R” parties when it comes to the education of our children the statement regarding DeVos being “a true believer in core Republican issues should leave no one in doubt on where she stands”.
- She actively supported Marco Rubio for President and during one 56-day period the summer of 2016 she donated \$1.45 million to Michigan candidates, state PAC’s and Republican Party organizations.
- No American family has donated more money to the Republican Party than the DeVos family having given \$2.7 million through the 2015-2016 cycles.
- DeVos is the Chair of the American Federation for Children, a group that does nothing but support and fund the Charter school cause. (They have no answers for all the Charter school failures due to lenient legislation,

fraud, corruption and unelected school boards).

- DeVos belongs to Mars Hill Bible Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and is heavily influenced by Abraham Kuyper, a Dutch writer and Calvinist theologian.”
- Her brother Erik Prince founded Blackwater, the controversial and now defunct security group that, according to The Washington Times, was a “mercenary firm” that “gained infamy during the Iraq War for incidents involving civilian casualties.
- [“The Hill”](#) stated regarding DeVos, “As former ethics counsels to Presidents Obama and George W. Bush, we’ve reviewed more than our share of ethics filings for cabinet nominees. Seldom have we seen a worse cabinet-level ethics mess than that presented by Betsy DeVos, President Trump’s choice for education secretary. Her extensive financial holdings present significant—and unresolved—conflict of interest issues. She also failed to provide the Senate with accurate information about her involvement with outside organizations. We have regretfully come to the conclusion that these concerns disqualify DeVos for that cabinet position.
- Betsy DeVos supports clean energy/Climate Change/Sustainable Development through their group the Windquest Group which invests in clean energy, technology and manufacturing. In 2011, DeVos and her husband, via the Windquest Group, invested in Energetx Composites, a wind energy company.
- DeVos and her husband are major financial backers of Neurocore, a Michigan company which operates “brain performance centers” and has been experimenting in artificial brains. In an agreement with the Office of Government Ethics DeVos said that she had stepped down from the Neurocore board but that she would retain her financial interest in the company. She valued that stake at \$5 million to \$25 million in her financial disclosure statement. White House ethics advisor Richard Painter stated, “This is not an appropriate investment for the

secretary of education". "Why is she so special?

- In 2010, DeVos was informed by Kennedy Center official Michael Kaiser's that millions of dollars are invested "in the arts, and training artists," but not in "training the leaders who hire the artists and run the organizations." DeVos' statement in presenting them with a significant donation stated, "We want to help develop **human capital** and leverage that capital to the greatest extent possible. Human Capital – I wonder who she has been hanging out with?
- DeVos served as chairwoman of the board of Alliance for School Choice and she heads the All Children Matter PAC which she and her husband founded in 2003 to promote school vouchers, tax credits to businesses that give private school scholarships, and candidates who support these causes. Over the years, DeVos and her husband have provided millions in funding for the organization. Strange don't you think that she wouldn't consider supporting parents who home school their children yet still pay into the tax base which funds public education?
- In 2013 DeVos was quoted that she was more optimistic than ever about school choice noting that in 2012 "the number of students in educational-choice programs grew by about 40,000." She has offered no explanation as to the [fraud and corruption involving the Charter school system](#) nor has she offered what the difference between traditional and charter public schools will be when all schools are to be charter with un-elected school boards and to remind you is "TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION".
- DeVos and Joel Klein noted in 2013 how great the Maine education was going in regard to performance because they had reverted to the use of the "easy-to-understand" report cards using A, B, C, D, F designations. They argued the system truly motivates parents and the community to get involved by simply taking information that education officials have had for years and

presenting it in a way that is more easily understood.”

- I would like these 2 to explain to the country how if at all, the GOING BACK to the ABC's of grading increased the community involvement or that of the parents.

Parents across America soon found out how bad the Common Core Standards were and to what end they would go to be able to gain control of our children's futures, where the money came from, money deals with friends, the lies, politician's wallets and campaign coffers being filled, years of back room long-time manipulation with the states being forced to play the game when the state legislatures were in recess. Yet Betsy DeVos stated that her being a member of Jeb Bush's Foundation for Excellence in Education whose stated goal is to “build an American education system that equips every child to achieve his or her God-given potential” totally supports her own idea of education.

The Foundation's “guiding principles” are that “All children can learn,” that “All children should learn at least a year's worth of knowledge in a year's time”, and that “All children will achieve when education is organized around the singular goal of student success.”

But all children are NOT learning Ms. DeVos, especially those that are now being schooled in your supported Charter schools with the Charter School Management companies in control, H1B and HB5 visas coming into the picture supplying foreign teachers and dollars for funding. There is BILLIONS of dollars of fraud being shown in the recently released [report](#) by the Office of the Inspector General of the Federal Department of Education AS THE RESULT OF MASSIVE FRAUD AND MANIPULATION and this report does not cover the fraud and corruption debt by all the Charter schools.

Additionally, they are not learning because men and women who know NOTHING about education are continually meddling where

they have no business being.

And NEVER, EVER forget children are NOT COMMON – they are as different as night and day and for anyone to believe they can educate all children as the same, care nothing about children.

I defy anyone supporting Charter/Choice/Vouchers to show America where there has been this level of corruption in traditional public schools. This is YOUR money America.

♠ [Charter School Trap- Tough Choices or Tough Times-Privatization of Education – more](#)

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