

Teaching Children to Lie



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I'll never understand why people continue to send their kids to public schools run by far-left teachers' unions. Like, for instance, the Chicago teachers' union, which a few years ago sent a delegation to Venezuela to (ahem!) "learn" from smirking tyrant Hugo Chavez.

Recently a 10th-grade student in [Washington failed a quiz... by telling the truth](#). It was a "world history" quiz (please feel free to honk if you understand how this has anything to do with world history), true/false, in which the student didn't come up with the answers that the "teacher" wanted. He was flunked for labeling "false" two preposterous statements: "some women have penises," and "men can get pregnant." He was supposed to describe them as "true."

Those are not true statements. Period.

And so Compelled Speech has seeped down into our grade schools, and children are being taught to tell lies because that's what "Teacher" demands of them. They are taught to pretend that they agree with statements that they know to be false.

They are taught to be idiots.

Herodotus said the Persians became a great nation by teaching their children to tell the truth: they prized it very highly. But we prize lies. It would be hard to calculate what will be

the price we pay for this; but I think it fair to say that the price will only go higher and higher as we keep on doing it.

You pay for it with your school tax dollars. Don't hold your breath waiting for the "teacher" to be fired. The union will never let that happen.

Why do we put up with this? In what way will we benefit? The "educators" who dream up these capers defend it as "promoting *inclusion*"—whatever the deuce that means. I don't think it means anything: do you?

Once upon a time, local boards of education *represented* the communities they served. The board members were our neighbors: in my home town, years ago, our school board consisted of small business owners and employees, a police sergeant, a retiree or two—ordinary people who shared our values.

But now? In Pennsylvania recently, a school district called Bucks Center, the Democrat Party poured heaps of money into the local school board election to capture a Far Left majority on the board. Back when I was a reporter who covered several local school boards, this would have been unthinkable. Unheard of. Board candidates didn't have campaign funds. You could win election with no more than a dozen votes. People expected to be able to trust their school boards; and for the most part they weren't disappointed.

Lulled into a false sense of security, you might say.

So the school boards were taken over by ideologues and apparatchiks financed by out-of-town political interests: that's whom they represent. The plebs out there can go soak their heads—we're gonna teach the kids what we want! All aboard for the socialist-transgender express! And be warned, parents—we'll sic the FBI on you if you complain.

The only way out of this is a massive movement to homeschooling. "Public education" has deserted the public.

It has deserted you.

I have discussed these and other topics throughout the week on my blog, <http://leeduigon.com/> . Click the link and visit... while it's still allowed. My articles can also be found at www.chalcedon.edu/ .

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