What Are We Teaching Our Children?

I was having a conversation with my thirteen-year-old granddaughter the other day and I was seriously impressed with her knowledge of politics and the <u>real</u> history of our nation. I have not seen a child her age that in recent decades that knew that information. It was like she was quoting directly from my book, Defining America's Exceptionalism. Now, I will have to state upfront that she has a bit of an advantage, she is homeschooled by her mother, whom I made sure that she knew our history, at least as how I knew it at the time, while she was growing up. But I will have to put in an unpaid advertisement for the organization that supplies the curriculum, Abeka. She has learned more real facts about our history than I did over fifty years ago when they still taught real history!

That brings me to my point, in our public schools we are NOT teaching our kids anything about our history, our Constitution, nor our Bill of Rights. The reason for that is, if you don't know you have a right, when it is taken from you, you don't know it. That is just what the liberals want. Thev don't want people who are capable of critical thinking, they want people who will follow orders. To give an example of just how far they have gone is distorting what our rights are all we have to do is look at how the 2^{nd} Amendment is being defined in schools now days: One of the chief criticisms of the standards mandated as part of the Common Core education program is that it is one-size-fits-all, federally funded, and permissive of fundamental errors that affect the quality of education of students.

Such errors include those found in history textbooks approved by the Common Core State Standards Initiative – the official name of the scholastic standards copyrighted by the Washington, D.C.-based National Governors Association (NGA) and the Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO).

In a textbook approved by Common Core for use by students studying for the Advanced Placement (AP) history exam, the Second Amendment is <u>defined this way</u>: "The Second Amendment: The people have the right to keep and bear arms in a state militia."

<u>Another book</u> that received the Common Core stamp of approval informs students that the Second Amendment "grant[s] citizens the right to bear arms as members of a militia of citizensoldiers."

Then, there is a <u>worksheet</u> reportedly approved by Common Core for use by history teachers in preparing lessons on the Bill of Rights that "informs" students, "The Government of the United States is currently revisiting The Bill of Rights. They have determined that it is outdated and may not remain in its current form any longer."

Actually, the statement is not a statement of fact, but an introduction to a proposed lesson asking the students to "prioritize, revise, prune two and add two amendments to The Bill of Rights."

Finally, there is the description of the Second Amendment published in a book approved by Common Core for use in elementary schools.

Regarding the Second Amendment, the authors of the book state:

This amendment states that people have the right to certain weapons, providing that they register them and they have not been in prison. The founding fathers included this amendment to prevent the United States from acting like the British who had tried to take weapons away from the colonists. During an interview on Fox News, the superintendent of an Illinois middle school that is using this book, Bob Hill, defended its warped retelling of history: "What happens with the right to bear arms in the context of 2014, is the right to bear arms in reality, not as written in the Constitution, but in reality is it in any way abridged and the answer is 'yes, in some places by the need to register guns or gun owners' and so on."

In other words, it's not the position of Common Core that its approved texts must teach the Constitution as it is written; rather, the authors can foist as facts any falsehood, no matter how removed from "reality." [1]

What is being taught is an outright lie. This is why we must demand that the Constitution be taught in our schools in detail. We have been losing our constitutional rights little by little over the years because we don't know what our rights truly are. The new curriculum for schools is Common Core and is being fought against on many fronts for many reasons. It actually dumbs our kids down and makes them less competitive in todays society. That is the intention of Common Core. Bill gates is one of the biggest pushers of Common Core but when you look at what else he is involved with it is enough to scare you. Common core is the set of educational standards for American children funded by Bill Gates, the very same man who is pushing GMOs, <u>vaccines</u> and other New World Order (NWO) Agenda 21-style schemes. In another example of blatant doublespeak, the curricula are named "Common Core State Standards", despite the fact they were forced onto the states with bribes, came top-down from the US Federal Government and were written by the international elite. Common Core first came onto the scene in 2009, after Obama took office, using money from the \$350 million stimulus package. Common Core is another manifestation of a long-held dream of the NWO manipulators to replace the family with the State, a plan laid out in novels such as Brave New World by

Aldous Huxley, which included reference to State hatcheries (i.e. State control of reproduction).[2]

Common Core ignores the values of our Constitutional system of Federalism by erasing the lines of separation between the three branches of government removing the balance of powers.[3] When a person is aware of constitutional rights, they are also aware of the responsibilities of each branch of government and the responsibilities of the States and people. Under the Constitution the federal government has been given no authority in the realm of education, yet we have a federal Department of Education. The federal government does not *directly* set curriculum and they are quick to point that out when questioned but they do set the standards for the testing. Therein lies their little secret. By setting the testing standards they set the curriculum.

Our new Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos, is no fan of Common Core and is working to eliminate it. That is why the teacher's unions and some teachers are so against her. But in her defense there have been schools, <u>Mason Classical Academy</u> being one, that threw Common Core in the trash and did what was best for the students and it showed in the test results.[4] America used to be number 1 in education, we're 26th now thanks to the influence of liberal teaching in our public schools and universities. We stopped doing what worked so well. It's time we went back to that system.

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FootNotes:

- 1. <u>Common Core approved textbooks rewrite second amendment</u>
- 2. <u>Common Core surveillance sexualization</u>
- 3. <u>Common Core suppresses competitive federalism</u>
- 4. Florida school drops Common Core Soars to 1 in English

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