

FREE THE SCHOOLS!

State control of education requires that the interests of politicians and bureaucrats come before the interests of students and teachers.

When the state talks about “privatizing” schools, it means giving monopoly privileges to a business it favors. With state force behind their business, they will run schools for the benefit of managers and shareholders, not for the benefit of students and teachers.

They can get away with this because the economy is made rigid by state control for the benefit of those on top. In this economy, formal education is often required to unlock opportunities that would not be permitted without it. Cooperating with each other to compete against monopoly capitalism and the state, we can undermine this system of control.

Education for the joy of learning, work for the joy of creating, and trade for the joy of interaction!

Revolution (or evolution towards maximum liberty) must begin in everyday life. Minimize authoritarian behavior (when people try to dominate others instead of creating mutually beneficial relations) and build organizations based on consensual cooperation. Solidarity among students and teachers with explicitly anti-authoritarian ideas can challenge the state’s control of schooling.

Walk out of the state! Stop supporting those on top, and build freedom instead.

When education is controlled by learners and teachers, then education will focus on learning and teaching, not on satisfying politicians.



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