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Get Them Out!

In case it was not clear yet, there is only one true solution to the mortal threat of government “education” described in this Special Report: Get the children out of the sinking ship, as quickly as possible. Yes, now. Yes, you. Right now. It’s not just your children at stake. The situation is so bad that America, Western Civilization, family, liberty, faith, and all that is good are in existential danger. The “education issue” is the one that transcends all others.



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Public-school “reform” has been tried in vain for decades. After spending time and countless millions of dollars in the effort to save the government education system, conservatives and Christians are constantly losing ground. Pretending like reform works only helps those destroying children. Despite the common refrain about the supposed need to “fix” the government-school system, the truth is that the system is working exactly as intended by dumbing down, sexualizing, and indoctrinating America’s youth.

Polling data show consistently that Americans realize government schools are less than ideal for children. In fact, just a small minority would choose a public school as their first choice, with the overwhelming majority of parents saying they would prefer to homeschool or to send their children to a private school. But unfortunately, a combination of ignorance about how bad the schools are and a desire to live better materially have restrained what would otherwise be a mass exodus.

It needs to be understood that the situation is dire. Perhaps an analogy will help make clear the urgency of the moment — and the absurdity of so many “conservative solutions” offered to Americans. If the public-school building were on fire, and your children or grandchildren were inside, what would be the appropriate response? Start a petition? Run for school board? Lobby your state legislators? Call your congressman? Write a letter to the editor? Organize a protest? File a lawsuit? Perhaps form a new committee to try to inform the town about the fire?

Obviously, those would all be ridiculous — if not criminal — responses to the crisis at hand. Any parent knows that the correct response to the fire would be to run into the burning building as quickly as possible, regardless of the risk, rescue those children, and then run back out and get as far as possible from the deadly blaze. The lives of children are on the line!

And yet, as this Special Report has documented extensively, the evil that has overtaken America’s “education” system is so much worse than a fire. As the Bible teaches, “fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”

In the case of the government schools, a fire would merely harm the child physically. As we have shown, government schools are destroying children not just physically, but mentally, academically, emotionally,



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spiritually, and morally. Leaving your child in the flaming brainwashing camps that identify as “schools” is like playing Russian Roulette with him or her, but with live rounds in five out of the six chambers.

The only true solution, then, is to get the children out immediately. Trying to put out the fire is important — after all, if left unaddressed, it may burn down the whole town. And there is certainly a time and a place for petitions, protests, lobbying elected officials, and running for school board. But any sensible parent’s very first priority *must* be to rescue their individual children, along with the other children trapped inside, by getting them out of the deadly inferno. Worrying about the building and all the rest can come later, once the children you love are in the safe sanctuary of homeschools or vetted private schools.

Public-school Exodus

Fortunately, there is very good news. While in many ways COVID-19 has accelerated the evils of government education in unprecedented ways, there has been an incredible silver lining, too. Over the last year, as parents saw what their children were actually being taught, and as they experimented with alternative arrangements, the nation has seen the most dramatic exodus from public schools in U.S. history — and not a moment too soon!

Polling data from Gallup found that in 2019, about 83 percent of families with school-age children were relying on government schools for “education.” By 2020, just three out of four were — a decline of almost 10 percent in just one year. As part of that, homeschooling and private schools have experienced surging growth during that time, with those trends broadly expected to continue and perhaps even accelerate amid the “new normal.”

Because many schools have not yet fully reopened, precise and current data on plummeting enrollment in public schools does not yet exist. However, by fall of 2020, families were already fleeing government schools in unprecedented numbers. According to news reports, declines nationwide ranged from four or five percent in some school districts, to as much as 15 percent or more for kindergartens and colleges in many areas.

In Massachusetts, for instance, the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents reported a five-percent decrease in overall enrollment from the start of the COVID-19 scare to the fall of 2020, with some 40,000 children leaving the system. Government bureaucrats tried to blame it on opposition to online learning. And yet, online private schools such as FreedomProject Academy are seeing record-breaking enrollment.

Private schools with in-person learning saw a surge when government schools announced they were going all-virtual. “When it hit the evening news, our phone started ringing off the hook all across all of our 100 schools,” said Thomas Carroll, the head of Boston’s Catholic schools, in an interview with Boston NPR. “I joke that we should send a thank you note to the school districts, because of their tone deafness, in terms of what the parents were looking for.”

According to the latest public data, California public schools lost more than 160,000 students out of about six million by October of 2020, according to the most recent data available. Los Angeles Unified School District, one of the largest districts in America, lost almost five percent of its victims amid the pandemic by October, according to data from the California Department of Education. Those losses are



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probably significantly higher by now as more and more parents run for the exits.

In New York, data released in early May revealed that the number of students entering middle school will drop by at least six percent from last year. And the number of students was already way down as families fled government schools last summer. Similar trends are being observed all across America. And at colleges and universities, the declines in enrollment have been even more pronounced.

The situation is so serious that panic-stricken government-school officials are begging lawmakers to change laws on school funding to prevent a catastrophic cut in their budgets. Because funding is typically allocated based on the number of students, the government education establishment is set to face a massive decline in its financial clout. That is great news in the effort to crush the monopoly system that is destroying America's children.

Homeschool Explosion

In tandem, America has also experienced the largest and fastest surge in homeschooling ever recorded. Data released on March 22 by the U.S. Census Bureau confirmed previous survey data suggesting that the number of families educating their children at home had more than doubled during the pandemic. According to the "Household Pulse Survey" results, about 5.4 percent of families with school-age children were homeschooling in the spring of 2020. By fall of 2020, that number had mushroomed to over 11 percent and was climbing.

That enormous growth was an increase of 5.6 percentage points and a doubling in the number of U.S. households that were homeschooling compared with the previous school year. Because homeschool families are often larger on average than government-schooled families, the number of school-age children being educated at home is estimated to now be well over the 11.1 percent — five to six million children, or even more.

According to mathematical statistician Casey Eggleston with the Census Bureau's Center for Behavioral Science Measurement and senior researcher Jason Fields with the bureau's Social, Economic, and Housing Statistics Division, the number of homeschooling families grew rapidly from 1999 to 2012. After that initial surge, though, numbers remained relatively steady at around 3.3 percent for years.

"However, the global COVID-19 pandemic has sparked new interest in homeschooling and the appeal of alternative school arrangements has suddenly exploded," wrote the bureaucracy's analysts, who explained that they used a "large, nationally representative sample of U.S. households."

They also controlled the data to ensure that those doing public or private school at home would not inadvertently be counted as homeschoolers. Experts said that means the surge in homeschooling may have been even larger than reported. No data from the bureau was available from before the pandemic.

Breaking down the data further reveals that the surge in some states was far more significant than in others. In some states, for instance, the population of homeschool families became almost 10 times larger. Massachusetts went from having just 1.5 percent of children being homeschooled to more than 12 percent in that short period. In Alaska, the number went from 10 percent to almost 28 percent. And in Oklahoma, the numbers went from about eight percent to over 20 percent. Florida's numbers grew to almost 20 percent of families choosing to educate at home. In at least 32 states, homeschoolers now make up at least 10 percent of families with school-age children.



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“Possible contributing factors include local homeschooling variation that predated the pandemic, local rates of coronavirus infections, and local decisions about how school is being conducted during the pandemic,” opined Eggleston and Fields in their analysis of the state-level data.

Blowing up the establishment narrative that home education lacks enough “diversity,” homeschooling rates actually surged most extraordinarily among black Americans. According to the Census Bureau data, they were far more likely to pull their children from government schools than any other group. “In households where respondents identified as Black or African American, the proportion homeschooling increased by five times, from 3.3% (April 23-May 5) to 16.1% in the fall (Sept. 30-Oct. 12),” the Census Bureau revealed, meaning black Americans are now more likely than average to be homeschooled. Lower-income Americans were also more likely to pull their children out.

Permanent Changes?

Analysts said more research would be helpful to understand the changes. “Future research will likely reveal what portion of those families who began homeschooling during the past year will continue on with it into the future,” wrote Dr. Brian Ray, a leading scholar in the field who leads the National Home Education Research Institute. “If a significant portion stay with homeschooling, more noticeable changes lie ahead regarding public favor toward homeschooling and parent-led home-based education’s impact on individual children, families, and society.”

Despite claims by bureaucrats that children will eventually return for “free” education, experts and analysts are not so sure. “Many parents are embracing homeschooling and other private education options that are more flexible and responsive to their needs,” noted Senior Education Fellow Kerry McDonald with the Foundation for Economic Education. “With an assortment of innovative, low-cost, high-quality private education options attracting more families, plummeting public school enrollment during the pandemic may become permanent.”

While it was helpful to have the Census Bureau data, it was already clear before the data were released that home education was growing at an unprecedented rate. In September of 2020, survey data from Gallup also revealed a doubling in homeschool numbers. Polling data from the summer of 2020 compiled by education expert Corey DeAngelis at the libertarian Cato Institute indicated that as many as one in four parents were considering ditching government schools for good.

Of course, government and government-school proponents want Americans to believe that the surge in home education is solely due to COVID-19. The reality is far more complex. One of the many things COVID did was expose for parents the madness and child abuse taking place in government schools, while at the same time showing parents the benefits and possibilities of homeschooling.



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Giving families a real option: FreedomProject Academy has seen record growth as families flee government indoctrination centers in favor of true education.

As *The New American* documented extensively in the enormously popular “Rescuing Our Children” Special Report from early 2019, the data on homeschooling is clear: It works, extremely well. In fact, children educated at home score on average between the 80th and 90th percentile on the *government’s* own standardized tests. They accomplish that with about five percent of the money and far less time. And they do better on every metric of “socialization,” too. Colleges and universities have figured this out and are actively recruiting homeschool students.

There are also many wonderful private schools across America that are offering high-quality, God-centered education at affordable prices. For example, as documented in the 2019 “Rescuing Our Children” Special Report, a network of hundreds of “Principle Approach” schools spread out across America are producing excellent results academically and spiritually. FreedomProject Academy offers a top-notch online K-12 classical education for a fraction of what traditional private (and public) schools charge — and it even has a scholarship program for qualifying low-income families.

However, as noted in the original Special Report, parents must do their due diligence before sending their children to private schools, as many have adopted Common Core, “woke” ideology, and even government-school textbooks. Before trusting anyone with your children, make sure to ask the right questions. There are thousands of wonderful options. But there are many that are hardly better than the government’s indoctrination centers.

Leaders Catching On

There is good reason to believe that, while COVID may have played a key role in accelerating the process, government schools were already on thin ice with the public. Even before COVID hit, many of America’s most prominent and influential Christian and conservative leaders were sounding the alarm and hopping on the “get them out” bandwagon. Expressing concerns about everything from the brainwashing and sexualization to the dumbing down of children, the diverse and growing chorus of leaders has spoken clearly to American parents: It is time to protect your children from government “education.”

Among the most prominent leaders to address the issue was President Donald Trump, ostensibly the



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most powerful man on planet earth at the time. In his 2020 State of the Union speech, Trump called for Americans to protect children from what he described as “failing government schools.” And on the campaign trail in 2016, he blasted the “indoctrination” of America’s youth by “progressive” bureaucrats at the U.S. Department of Education, which he said should be shut down.

During his 2020 Independence Day speech at Mt. Rushmore, Trump also shed light on the fruit of government brainwashing of children. “The violent mayhem we have seen in the streets of cities that are run by liberal Democrats, in every case, is the predictable result of years of extreme indoctrination and bias in education,” he said. “Against every law of society and nature, our children are taught in school to hate their own country, and to believe that the men and women who built it were not heroes, but that they were villains.”

Trump’s attorney general, William Barr, also blasted government schools and called for breaking the monopoly on education. “The time has come to admit that the approach of giving militantly secularist government schools a monopoly over publicly funded education has become a disaster,” Barr said in his first speech since leaving the administration. Noting that government schools were now totally incompatible with Christianity and other major religions in America, he also argued that “it may no longer be fair, practical or even constitutional to provide publicly funded education solely through the vehicle of state-funded schools.”

In the two years before he passed away, talk-radio titan Rush Limbaugh — the top host in America with an estimated 18 million daily listeners — did not mince words. On August 19, 2019, months before COVID would be mentioned, Limbaugh urged parents to get out. “I think it’s becoming very apparent to Millennial parents, parents of Millennial kids,” Limbaugh said. “Their kids are struggling in the wretched, horrible circumstances of the public school system.”

But there is a simple solution for families — and it is not running for school board or signing a petition. “One of the answers to this mess (sobbing) ‘What’s happening to our children?’ is homeschooling,” the late talk-radio legend continued. “It’s not just conservatives and Christian-oriented people who are choosing to pull children out of public schools.”



Talking truth: Before leaving office, Trump repeatedly and boldly called for children to be protected from “failing government schools” that he said were “indoctrinating” children to hate their own nation. *(Photo credit: AP Images)*



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Less than a year later, Limbaugh was once again sounding the alarm. On July 8 of 2020, for instance, the conservative heavyweight argued that virtually all of the nation's problems could be traced back to the indoctrination of children (and future journalists) in government schools. About a month later, he was offering similar warnings.

"We've lost teachers. We have lost public education, not to mention academe. We have lost higher education," Limbaugh said, echoing Trump and warning that Americans would have to find a way to reverse the brainwashing of the nation's youth. "We have a bunch of left-wing activists disguised as teachers who have literally been, for almost two generations now, poisoning with hatred and vile racism the innocent, young-skulls-full-of-mush students who show up in their classrooms."

Another prominent leader who warned parents to get their children out was chief of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and Samaritan's Purse Franklin Graham, son of the late world-renowned evangelist Billy Graham. Denouncing a mandatory LGBT indoctrination statute in New Jersey during an August 18, 2019, interview on Fox's *Todd Starnes* radio show, Graham said the time had come to properly protect kids.

Starnes asked Graham what advice he would give Christian moms and dads: "I mean do they pull their kids out of public school or do they homeschool, private school? What should they do?" the Fox host asked. Graham responded without hesitation: "Oh, absolutely," he said. "I'd pull them out of public school and put them in private school."

Other leading evangelicals have jumped on the bandwagon, too. Writing in *Charisma News*, David Lane with the American Renewal Project noted that a crucial part of the ongoing spiritual battle would be to develop a plan — "God's plan — to free Christian children from public education."

As far back as 2017, Dr. James Dobson, described as "the nation's most influential evangelical leader" by the *New York Times*, hosted Exodus Mandate leader Lieutenant Colonel E. Ray Moore on his nationally syndicated show for two days in a row. Over two decades ago, Moore became the first contemporary national leader to call on Christians to abandon the "godless, pagan" government-school system. Dr. Dobson appeared to largely agree with Moore's assessment and solutions.

Among Catholics, the tide is turning too. Popular Catholic talk-radio host Mother Miriam said during a 2019 episode of her show that she did not know "of anything more urgent" than getting children out of public schools and into homeschool programs with God at the center of them. "It has to do with you being a proper mom and dad to your children," she explained on her show. "You, no matter what the situation is, are responsible for the growth of your children in faith." "Such evil has penetrated those [public] schools," she added, citing another expert to warn that the system was actually "designed to turn the hearts and minds of the children away from God."

And this may be just the start. Countless pastors, patriots, constitutionalists, and conservative and Christian leaders have joined the movement to liberate children from government schools. The entire national debate has now shifted in conservative circles from "how to reform" the schools to whether they even can be reformed.

What You Can Do

Totalitarians have also noticed the accelerating exodus from government schools, and they do not like it. Last summer, as the stampede for the exits was accelerating, the Harvard Law School was going to



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host a conference by two law professors, Elizabeth Bartholet of Harvard and James Dwyer of William & Mary, pushing a ban on homeschooling. COVID forced it to be canceled, but tyrants never rest, and both Bartholet and Dwyer are still hard at work attacking parental rights and educational liberty. Following in the footsteps of National Socialist dictator Adolf Hitler, more and more nations are moving to ban or restrict homeschooling, too.

Attacks on Christian education in general are also escalating. Following the mostly peaceful protest at the U.S. Capitol on January 6 that saw far-left activists and some overzealous Trump supporters break into Congress, left-wing anti-Christian bigots across America started claiming that Christian schools and home education by evangelical Christian families was to blame. *Ms.* magazine, the Huffington Post, the *Washington Post*, and a man impersonating a woman by the name of “Chrissy Stroop” in the online Religion Dispatches, among others, all blasted Christian education in the weeks and months after the protests.

Perhaps more significantly, the United Nations has declared war on education that is not controlled by government, too. As far back as 2015, the UN Human Rights Council issued a resolution demanding that governments worldwide crack down on alternative forms of education under the guise of protecting the “human right” to government-controlled schooling. That should begin by having all governments “monitor” and “regulate” private education, including by imposing “standards” that all education providers must obey.

Of course, the attacks are coming because Americans are waking up. Now is the time to rescue your children and grandchildren by giving them one of the most valuable gifts possible — a decent education. With the Biden administration working to further radicalize the government’s indoctrination centers, and the growing stampede for the exits by American families from all walks of life, there has never been a better time to flee. Get out now! And encourage others to do the same.

After getting your own children and grandchildren out of the indoctrination centers posing as “schools,” there is still plenty of work to do if America’s future and individual liberty are going to be saved from the designs of the totalitarians running the government-school system. For those who say it is too late to reverse course: Even if that were true, America will still need properly educated people in the future to rebuild again from the ruins of civilization.

Educating others in your local community is a great place to start after ensuring the children in your life — kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, and so on — are safe. To help accomplish that, consider ordering extra copies of this Special Report along with the “Rescuing Our Children” issue from 2019. Get copies to your pastor, priest, or rabbi; the elders at your church; local business leaders; opinion molders in your community; and other influential people. Also share with your neighbors.

There are many important battles going on right now: stopping abortion, ensuring election integrity, protecting free speech, defending gun rights, and much more. But if Americans allow the next generation to be brainwashed by the establishment, all of those battles will ultimately be lost. The most important thing an average American can do for God, their children, their church, and their nation is to ensure that future Americans get a real education. Only by saving our children can freedom survive.



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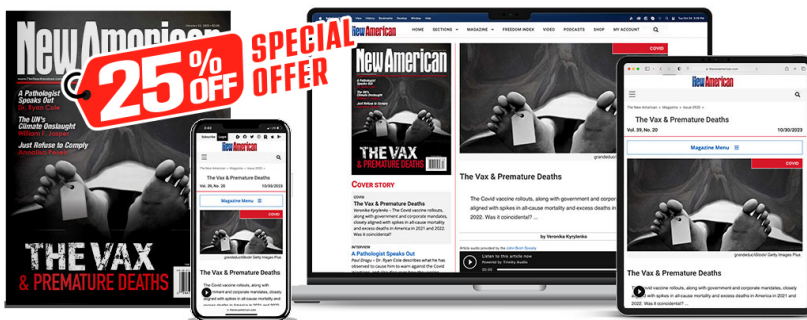
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