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Legislation in Congress Would Abolish Education Department

Members of Congress are seeking to pass legislation to <u>terminate</u> the unconstitutional and Deep State-controlled Department of Education (DoE).

H.R. 899 is sponsored by Representative Thomas Massie (R-Ky.) and co-sponsored by 14 additional representatives, while <u>S. 323</u> is sponsored by Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.). The two bills are identical; they consist of only a single sentence that states: "The Department of Education shall terminate on December 31, 2021."

From a constitutional standpoint, abolishing the DoE is essential. After all, nowhere does the <u>U.S. Constitution</u> give the federal government any authority over education policy. Under the <u>10th Amendment</u>, education policy lies with the states and the people. By its very existence and shaping of U.S. education policy, the DoE violates the Constitution.



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Additionally, the federalization of U.S. education policy is enabling spread of curriculum that promotes left-wing values and that dumbs down students. These include <u>Common Core</u> and the <u>Every Student</u> <u>Succeeds Act</u> that codified the former. Furthermore, the Biden DoE is <u>actively promoting</u> critical race theory and the 1619 Project.

The Left understands that if it can control our children's education, it will control the future. Having a centralized education department under their influence makes it significantly easier for the Left to accomplish its goals. These damaging policies have persisted since the department's creation, and simply electing a Republican president will not fix any of them.

The solution is to <u>abolish</u> the DoE and its accompanying bureaucracy and programs, none of which are legal to begin with. Doing so would not only be a major step toward obeying the Constitution, but it would deprive the Deep State of a major tool that it is using to indoctrinate the next generations with Marxist and anti-Americanist ideology.

Congress would be wise to pass H.R. 899 and S. 323. Even if such legislation cannot be passed in the current Democrat-controlled Congress, creating awareness and support for such legislation will ease its passage at a later date.

To urge your U.S. representative and senators to support abolishing the Department of Education, visit The John Birch Society's legislative alert <u>here</u>. To view The JBS's new "Save Our Children" action



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