

HOME SCHOOLING: A VIABLE OPTION?

What do George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Douglas MacArthur, Winston Churchill and Albert Einstein have in common?

They were all home schooled as were countless other famous statesmen, scholars, and scientists.

¹ Although home schooling was common in colonial times and modern times as well, by 1960, almost 100% of America's youngsters were enrolled in public schools.

However, by 1990, 800,000+ children were being homeschooled; and by 2013 it was 1.5-2.1 million. Parents are increasingly home schooling because of the rise of 1) violence on campuses, 2) sexualization of academic content, 3) emphasis on multiculturalism, 4) attacks on religion, 5) revisionist history, and 6) the corrosive dumbing down of both curriculum (for example, Common Core) and educators.

² Study after study has shown that homeschooled children

- Score an average of 15-30 percentile points higher on achievement tests like the SAT and ACT,
- Maintain a higher GPA in college and a higher rate of success and civic involvement in adulthood.
- Have demonstrated a 2-grade difference in the 4th grade and a 4-grade difference in the 8th grade between homeschool and public school students. (Studies funded by HSLDA)



The American people have been strong supporters of public education, but they may be unaware of the true motives behind the founders of public education, progressives Horace Mann and John Dewey, and the dangers it presents to a free Republic **if misused**.

¹ *Mann's goal was to establish "a new religion, with the state as its true church and education as its Messiah." Dewey declared "Education is the fundamental method of social progress and reform." Teachers must realize they are guarantors of the "the proper social order and the right social growth." Dewey declared. "There is no God and no room for fixed natural law or moral absolutes."*

While many public schools deliver excellent education, many parents are concerned by the increasing governmental intrusion into our educational system. Home schooling is one viable option and it needs to be ³protected.

What you can do

- Visit your local school board meeting
- Investigate Common Core
- Talk to teachers

¹ <http://californiapolicycenter.org/homeschooling-and-its-importance-for-the-survival-of-a-free-republic/>

² www.hslda.org/docs/study/rudner1999/Rudner2.asp

³ www.wnd.com/2006/12/39151#1ild4cQTWUqQ7gL8.99

www.home-school.com/Articles/columnists/chris-klicka.php

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