

**Nothing in Common—No Public Schools, No Public Institutions, No Public Parks, No Public Facilities, No Public Health, No Public Good, No Society—Just Individuals, Families and Private Entities. Is This America’s Future?**

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Ronald Reagan were allied philosophically that “government is the problem”. They each promoted the privatization of public functions. Thatcher said in an interview that there is no such thing as society.

Reagan and Thatcher in their respective countries pursued an agenda of privatization of public institutions and functions. Four decades later, the privatization of public functions and institutions is in full play in the U.S. Public education is an obvious target. But there are other privatization targets, such as social security, public pension systems, public (and private) unions, prisons, public parks and recreation areas, safety services, and publicly-owned natural resources.

Public education is squarely in the cross hairs of the privatization crusaders. Charter schools, vouchers, and direct state-subsidies to private schools are enabling steps to the plunder of the great American public school system. When the public system of education falls, the rest of the public functions and institutions will fall like dominos. It’s time for the citizens, beginning with public school advocates, to wake-up and sound the alarm.

The challenge to the constitutionality of the EdChoice voucher system is merely one wake-up call.