

What is the Political Motivation for Privatization of Public Education?

The craze toward the complete privatization of public education is not in motion to improve educational opportunities for the youth of Ohio or in any other state. It is becoming increasingly clear that private alternatives to the public common school (vouchers and charters) do not improve educational opportunities. In fact, the public common school in multiple ways is superior to alternatives. So what is the motivation of the privatizers and the politicians that do their bidding? Diversion of public money into private hands for private profits? Fund religious views that adherents to those religious views are not willing fund? Dumb down education, and thus the folks, as a means of autocratic control?

It may be that the motivation of the privatizers at the core is to eliminate democracy and change the locus of control from the folks to a few plutocrats.

When public education falls to privatization, other public institutions will, in turn, fall as well. Autocracy will replace democracy.

Many voucher advocates have no clue as to where privatization of education leads. The privatizers are using vouchers and other public education privatization schemes to accelerate the privatization of all democratic institutions and the tangible common holdings of citizens.