

April 26, 1999 Time Magazine (page 36): A Report Card on Vouchers—In Cleveland the controversial program gets mixed reviews.

The Cleveland voucher program was supposed to be a pilot project to determine if a program of tax-supported vouchers is good public policy. President Bush 41 came to Ohio on November 25, 1992 to push the concept of universal vouchers at the behest of Governor Voinovich. Ohioans at that time were not ready for tax money flowing to private schools. However, Voinovich commissioned a study that resulted in legislation to pilot a program in Cleveland. After three years, [Time Magazine](#), in 1999, reported on the pilot program. An Indiana University study was cited that showed mixed results in terms of academics. In terms of the traditional role of public schools, Time reported: “However the most troubling aspect of the Cleveland vouchers experiment has nothing to do with test scores and everything to do with the danger that vouchers could undermine the role that public schools have played in American life. Public schools have long held the promise of being America’s great equalizer, mixing students of different races, classes and religions in a single student body.”

The Time’s report disclosed the specific religious indoctrination that was taking place in the classrooms of Muslim and Catholic private schools. Hence, the Cleveland voucher pilot project introduced the concept of public tax money being used for religious indoctrination in various forms, contrary to the Ohio Constitution. That should have given state officials pause. NOT AT ALL. From that beginning, state officials have incrementally moved the voucher scheme to universal student eligibility in 2023. Full scale religious indoctrination at public expense!