

Suggested Books on Public Education

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Here are some:

“Left Back” by Diane Ravitch, she is an educational historian. She served in the Bush one, and Clinton administration. She chronicles the development and weaknesses in Progressive Ed.

Two books from the past, which the progressives looked to, and with a little updated language are Emile 18th ct, by Rousseau, and a book on Education by Herbert Spencer, written in about 1850. I have an original. I do not know if they are still available.

“The Language Police” by Ravitch. It shows the absurd PC that is going on in text book writing.

“The Menace of Multiculturalism” Schmidt, looks at the absurdity and prevalence of this idea so prevalent in Ed.

“The Closing of the American Mind” by Bloomfield, excellent on the dumbing down of education.

“The Question of God” Armand Nicoli, professor at Harvard, notes for his class in comparing Freud with C.S. Lewis, demonstrates how Christianity can be brought into the classroom,

“The Educated Child”, William Bennett is a contributor, and anything by him is good. He served as the Director of Education Dept. at one time.

“Government Policy Toward Teaching Religion in State Schools”, this is the Paper that I presented at the Oxford Roundtable. It is on Trinity’s webpage under resources. The footnotes have quite a bit of information. I had to footnote a lot because my paper could only be 30 pages.

Some books on Intelligent Design will help you understand the dominance of Evolution in everything and some philosophical and legal issues

“The Design Revolution” by Dembski, the lays out the argument for ID

“Law Darwinians and Public Education” Beckwith, this lays out the legal case for teaching ID in state Ed, which helps in understanding some of the legal background affecting state Ed....

Two on culture from educators that will be help as well
“Slouching Toward Gomorrah” Robert Bork, taught law at Yale, nominated for Supreme Court by Reagan, I think.
“The Culture of Disbelief” by Stephen L. Carter.