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Because everyone wants to be safe and secure in their homes, on the road, and when traveling, there's obviously a market for personal protection. Right now this market is dominated by a monopoly provider. In the absence of a monopoly provider, there's no reason to think that private companies wouldn't be able to provide the same service, at lower prices, with more efficiency and without the abuses of the monopoly police.

HOW "GOVERNMENT" RUINS IT



[Why Do the Police Provide Bad Service? - The Case Against Monopoly Government Police¹](#)

Legislating and Enforcing Prohibition and Victimless Crimes

- The "Government" and their monopoly police inevitably make the problem of crime worse by trying to legislate morality and enforce prohibitions on peaceful people. Crime, by definition, has a perpetrator and a victim. If there isn't a victim then there isn't a crime. When "Government" prohibits something that people desire, that doesn't get rid of alcohol, drugs, gambling or prostitution, it immediately creates a black market that is run by criminals that can now earn above-market profits that create a myriad of unintended consequences that aren't the fault of the "drugs" or "gambling" but of prohibition.

- **Overdoses** – Illegality forces both addicts and recreational users to roll-the-dice with potentially adulterated substances since they can't buy pure drugs of a measured and certified potency.
- **Violence and Crime** – Prohibition raises the cost of addictive drugs astronomically vs the free market leading many addicts to turn to crime to finance their habit, AND because drugs are illegal, it attracts organized crime (vs. the local drug store) that settle their disputes with violence leaving the population in the crossfire. Currently the monopoly police engage in around \$5 billion dollars a year in asset forfeiture where they are seizing vehicles, cash, property and real estate in the name of the war on drugs frequently without charges being filed.
- **Creating Addicts** – Perversely, the drug war actually creates a financial incentive for drug dealers to spend their own money to create addicts! If a drug dealer can give a teenager free drugs until they are hooked, then chances are that drug dealer is the only one the kid knows, so the drug dealer has a captured customer. Compare that with legally addictive alcohol where no similar financial incentive exists because it can be readily purchased anywhere.
- **Creating Criminals** - By arresting overwhelmingly peaceful people for non-violent victimless "crimes" and sentencing them to horrific prisons, they are simultaneously reducing the prospects that person will be able to find gainful employment while incarcerating them with real criminals and gangs.

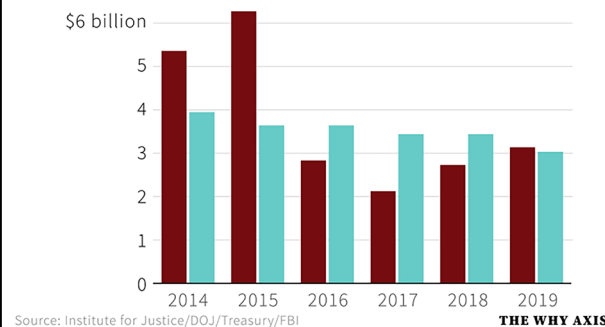


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Civil Asset Forfeiture - One of the ugliest, stone-cold truths of monopoly policing is that the police now steal more each year through civil asset forfeiture than all private criminals combined. Civil asset forfeiture allows police, federal, state and local, to seize - and then keep or sell - any property they *allege* is involved in a crime. Owners need not ever be arrested or convicted of a crime for their cash, cars, or even real estate to be stolen permanently by the government, and the [Institute for Justice](#)² estimates it cost \$3000 to fight each case with no guarantee of winning. The ugly truth is that federal law enforcement and the government's monopoly police frequently steal more each year than all private criminals combined.

Feds took more stuff than burglars in 2019

Annual dollar value of assets seized by federal law enforcement, and annual losses to burglary



Road Piracy, Red Light Cameras, and Photo-Radar Cameras - Equally as egregious as the police robbing the population through Civil Asset Forfeiture is the fact that the police are frequently robbing the population through road piracy, red light cameras, and victimless DUIs. Road Piracy is defined as local governments using their monopoly police to excessively fine motorists to raise revenue

for the government and police force. See the example of New Rome, Ohio on the next page. The problem of local and State "governments" raising revenue on their citizens tax-slaves is exacerbated by red light cameras and photo-radar cameras that can be tuned to ticket every single speeder at speeds as low as five miles over the speed limit on roads where the speed limit has been set artificially low specifically to raise revenue.

While red-light cameras have been proven to reduce the number of right angle (T-bone) accidents within intersections, they have increased rear-end collisions. People brake quickly to avoid triggering the cameras. A study done by the [Texas A&M Transportation Institute](#)³ found that in areas where red light cameras were introduced, right-angle crashes were reduced from 14 to 40%, while rear-end crashes *increased* on Business/Primary roads by 169%. Needless to say, it doesn't reflect well on a "safety system" when one type of accident is increased for the sake of decreasing another type of accident. Finally, the amount of corruption around these camera systems is gargantuan. Search Engine: "Red-light cameras and corruption" to understand the level of payoffs and bribes from companies to legislators and town managers to get these systems installed and bilking the motorists.

There have been dozens of cases where towns have been caught lowering the duration of the yellow light to increase red-light camera fines. In 2017 the city of Fremont, California pledged to refund \$490,000 in ticket revenue to drivers when it became public that the "government" had [shortened the yellow light duration](#)⁴ from 4.7 seconds to 4 seconds in a scam to increase

red light camera revenue in a partnership with a private company Redflex Traffic Systems. A Chicago Tribune investigation revealed in 2014 that the Rahm Emanuel administration quietly issued a new, shorter yellow light standard that spring, shaving .1 seconds off the yellow light duration, that generated [\\$8 million in revenue](#)⁵ from 77,000 red light camera tickets that would not have been allowed before the change.

Victimless DUIs - While no one wants drunk drivers on the road, the cold, precise logic of natural law stipulates there has to be a victim for there to be a crime. Anything else makes the police the criminals who would be using or threatening violence on people who haven't actually committed a crime. The unpleasant fact of monopoly policing is that monopoly government police frequently wait outside of bars and restaurants and randomly pull over drivers that they suspect have been drinking. If that driver has a blood alcohol level above 0.08 then the monopoly police can now charge tens of thousands of dollars in fines, penalties, court costs, and mandatory driver re-education programs frequently run by cronies of the local government. This author has a personal friend who received a victimless DUI and \$10,000+ worth of fines in her twenties for 0.08% breathalyzer that ruined her financially. A subsequent time she was out drinking she made the responsible decision to take a nap in her car instead of drive. An officer woke her up, forced her to breathalyze (0.08%) and gave her another \$10,000+ DUI because her keys were in the ignition. She had not recovered financially into her thirties.



Road Piracy and the Corruption of Small Town "Government" - The Case of New Rome, Ohio

One notorious example of road piracy that reveals the idiocy of monopoly "government" was the aptly-named New Rome, OH which had a population of 60 full time residents and a 15-person police force which wrote \$377,651 (**\$658,045 in 2024 dollars**) in fines in 2001 along a single stretch of 1000 feet of a busy local thoroughfare where the town dropped the speed limit from 45 to 35 miles per hour.

Before the town was dissolved for serial corruption, the average ticket was for 42 in a 35 mph zone BUT, according to the *Car and Driver* article *Town Without Pity*, "the real money comes from violations that elsewhere would likely merit a warning at most—no front license plate (\$55/**\$95 in 2024 dollars**), driving a commercial vehicle without a commercial plate (\$105/**\$182**), driving with headsets (\$90/**\$156**), with a cracked windshield (\$55/**\$95**), with a chipped taillight (\$55/**\$95**), without a rear-view mirror (\$55/**\$95**), with tinted windows (\$105/**\$182**), with dirt or anything obscuring

a license plate (\$55/**\$95**), without a seatbelt (\$60/**\$104**), with loud mufflers (\$55/**\$95**), driving too slowly (\$90/**\$156**), backing up improperly (\$90/**\$156**), making an "unsafe" lane change (\$90/**\$156**), stopping past the stop line (\$90/**\$156**), no backup lights (\$55/**\$95**), a dim bulb over the license plate (\$55/**\$95**), making a U-turn (\$90/**\$156**), tailgating (\$90/**\$156**), and on and on. Pity the unsuspecting kid who hitchhikes (\$135/**\$235**). And many pulled-over drivers wind up with multiple citations (no seatbelts on passengers and kids without safety chairs are typical ones). "Court costs" can be tacked on, and there's a \$13/**\$22** charge for paying with a credit card."

...The makeup of the village council begins with Nancy Chapman, the wife of Charles Chapman, who had been mayor during the 1990s and ran the traffic court. The Chapmans' son and daughter, Charles Jr. and Alisa Gibbs, have been on the council. Councilwoman Patricia McCormick is Nancy Chapman's sister, and councilman David Tisler, who works

Second, *none of these council members were ever elected* - they were all appointed, by one another. The last time a council member was elected by voters was in 1979, and even that involved a pair of write-in candidates...

... the village has a history of sticky fingers going back to its inception in 1941. Five clerks handling the citation money—much of it cash—have been convicted of theft. In 1989, mayor's court clerk Patricia Kinder admitted to stealing \$7000 of the ticket money. Then a police chief, Darwin Pelphrey, resigned after being accused of theft (including stealing a shotgun he used to go duck hunting). Not much later, a mayor and another police chief resigned after someone leaked documents showing they'd both used village credit cards to fill the tanks of their personal cars. Both were ordered to repay \$2500.

As ticket revenue grew in the '90s, so did the boldness of the thieves. A state audit for 1993 discovered \$56,563 missing. The mayor's court clerk, widow of the previously discredited police chief, pled guilty to one count of theft in office but didn't do jail time. Then a state audit of fiscal '95 to '96—for some reason not released until 1998—showed another \$56,456 unaccounted for. No one was ever charged, although two administrative staffers resigned. New Rome's history has prompted the perturbed state auditor, Jim Petro, to call it **"the per-capita corruption capital of Ohio."**

This vignette was adapted from a March 31st, 2003 *Car and Driver* magazine story: *Town without Pity*⁶ by Steve Spence



for a towing service on Broad Street, is McCormick's live-in boyfriend. Councilman Richard Plants is Nancy Chapman's nephew. Christopher and Valerie Gamble have been on the council; Valerie is the daughter of Connie Tucker. Who is Connie Tucker? She's the clerk/treasurer of New Rome.



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THE VOLUNTARYIST & FREE MARKET ALTERNATIVES

If the government's monopoly laws, police, and courts disappeared tomorrow, the overwhelming majority of society would not turn to murder or crime. Not because there wasn't an "official law" prohibiting it, but because most people aren't murderers or thieves. Most people could safely get away with innumerable petty thefts today with little risk of getting caught: from their employer, from their colleagues, from their neighbor's open garage, from their friend's homes, and purses, but they don't. Not because they fear being caught in the act by the monopoly police, but for a myriad of reasons ranging from religious beliefs, to strong personal ethics, understanding of karma, private security cameras, to fear of being fired or shunned from their social circles. The fact that a bureaucrat wrote down stealing is wrong on an "official" piece of paper is way down on the bottom of the list.

An Armed Population is Already the Best Deterrent to Crime

A study by professors James D. Wright and Peter Rossi that surveyed nearly 2,000 incarcerated felons concluded that criminals are more worried about running into armed victims than law enforcement. Absent monopoly

policing, all these protections and deterrents would still be in place and, in fact, would be strengthened because the "laws" that shield murderers and pedophiles would be off the books so the potential for legitimate retribution for getting caught in the act would increase the deterrent.

Private Defense Agencies

Because there is a universal demand for safe streets, businesses, and neighborhoods, there is obviously a market for private protective services. Indeed, the bureaucratic monopoly police do such a poor job today that private security companies flourish even in competition with a "free" provider. These companies often offer innovative services: home security systems, 24x7x365 monitoring, and armed response. Not only do these companies have similar training and equipment as the police, but in many ways they are far superior: They only act in defense of life, liberty, and property and have no incentive or ability to engage in road piracy or arresting peaceful people for victimless crimes. If the companies ever acted with the same tyrannical nature or disrespect common to the monopoly statist police, then they could be fired immediately.

Because you personally have the right to defend your life, liberty, and property you can legitimately delegate that right to a Private Defense Agency (PDA) to act on your behalf when you are not home. Because you don't have the right to tell your neighbor what flowers he can smoke or whether or not he should gamble on football, then obviously PDAs wouldn't have any legitimate right to act in those areas.

While it is hard to predict what innovations that entrepreneurs in private protection would provide in a truly free market, we can speculate based on the existing market for those services and how existing private security companies compete on price and quality today. Most people would likely pay a monthly fee for protection with options for an alarm system, insurance, and services that the monopoly police would never offer, such as walking a client to their car after hours or helping to change a tire if stranded on the road.

In a free market, PDAs would be forced to compete for your business and you would be able to evaluate them by their apprehension records and the amount of stolen property they recover, the amount of restitution they are able to achieve for their clients and their Yelp reviews. Where monopoly police are



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frequently rude, oppressive and even violent and murderous because of their "qualified immunity" those issues go away as being rude and oppressive isn't tolerated in any other service business and PDA employees would be subject to the same retribution and penalties that everyone else in society would be subject to.

In areas where someone is falsely accused then that person's PDA would get involved and the market force known as the "discipline of constant dealings" would ensure that the two companies had policies and procedures in place to protect the rights of their clients and an agreed upon arbitration provider with a trusted name brand reputation. We will cover free market courts and free market prisons in successive chapters but the key point to understand is that in a free market and competitive landscape everyone's actions are aligned with a positive outcome for all parties vs. the current situation of a monopoly provider making crime worse, bureaucrats who can't be fired, and police officers that believe they have rights that others don't and who are protected "qualified immunity".

Road Piracy & Victimless DUIs

Without the monopoly "government" having the ability to criminalize things that aren't really crimes, I.E. running a red light or driving over the speed limit, you wouldn't see private road owners doing things like shortening yellow lights or dropping the speed limit radically to give more tickets. They would be incentivized to keep traffic flowing as fast and as safe as possible so they would likely enforce policies that have been proven to reduce auto-accidents like slower traffic and trucks staying to the right and keeping the left hand "hammer lane" open for passing and faster drivers. This has been proven to reduce accidents by reducing "turbulence" caused by faster drivers switching lanes to pass slower drivers.

No one wants drunk drivers on the roads and there would still be a variety of ways of dealing with the issue absent monopoly police. Private road operators could still pull over and require drunk drivers to immediately stop driving on their roads, fine them for the offense and ban/permanently ban repeat offenders. Private citizens can pull over folks driving drunk, as this author has done, and repeat offenders and bar owners could be publicly shamed in their communities with

pressure brought on their employers, landlords, churches, and universities. Private Defense Agencies, including those in the employ of the private road owner, homeowner associations or others might pull over drink drivers and call them a cab or drive them home. Belligerent drunks who refuse to be helped might be video recorded for public shaming, escorted home by the PDA, or forcefully detained if on a private road with a policy requiring suspected DWIs to breathalyze or be prohibited from using their roads. While these measures may seem less than perfect compared to many people's preference for the harsh justice and confiscatory penalties of monopoly policing, keep in mind that many of *the small percentage of the population that drives under the influence* continues to re-offend even in this environment with some offenders having as many as 30 DUIs so there is no magic formula, no matter how heavy the penalties. Finally, once a drunk driver crosses the line and **actually causes** property damage, injury or death, **THEN** Private Defense Agencies or individuals can act and arrest that person for the damage they have actually caused.



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VOLUNTARIYISM IN ACTION

Detroit's Threat Management Center⁷ – In a city where the average police response time is 5Xs the national average and the crime rate is skyrocketing the Detroit Threat Management Center is a private security company that provides security services for business and individuals ranging from walking business owners to or from their cars for \$10 to riding shotgun on cigarette trucks that were getting hijacked at an alarming rate which has now dropped to zero. The company will help local residents for free when called and even has a public access television show where they teach self-defense.

Video: *Detroit Threat Management: Anarchy in Detroit* by Reason TV

Watch On: [Voluntaryism Odysee Channel](#)⁸ • [Liberator](#)⁹



TRANSITION STRATEGIES

Because the legitimacy of “government” is now being widely and openly questioned by the population, forward-thinking Sheriffs and Chiefs will already be thinking about how they can privatize operations in an era where monopoly policing no longer has the support of the population.

Reduce headcount to only what you need to protect life, liberty and property. You can completely eliminate officers assigned to narcotics, vice, school resource officers, and D.A.R.E programs.

Reduce intimidating, invasive, and extravagant expenditures such as armored vehicles, drones, sting-ray cell phone towers, SWAT Teams, and license plate readers.

Refocus the department on preventing real crimes: Murder, Burglaries, Rapes, and Robberies

Renounce qualified immunity. Your officers don't get a pass on morality or facing the consequences of their actions.

Become a scholar on police privatization and the existing alternatives from private protection companies like Detroit Threat Management to private communities who are providing their own police services.

Plan for a transition year where tax revenue collected under the threat of force will be replaced with voluntary payments from merchants and private residences. Expect and embrace competition with Brinks, ADT, Westec and other private security companies.

Create partnerships with alarm system providers, insurance investigators, and other self-interested businesses.

Think and focus like an entrepreneur on delivering a quality service (crime prevention and restitution vs. retribution) where your officers are focused on protecting the customer vs. raising revenue off the population and victimless crimes.



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PRIVATE POLICE FAQs

What about people who cannot afford protection?

Private security companies today help non-customers in the communities that they protect for free for a variety of reasons: First, it is good marketing in the community. Second, taking criminals off the streets ultimately protects their clients as well. Finally, security guys like to bust bad guys! Many people will benefit as "free riders" where their neighborhoods are being patrolled by the payments of their neighbors, and overall crime will be reduced in a voluntaryist society by reducing the crimes associated with drug prohibition. There will be more economic opportunity so less people will turn to crime and more students will be educated by religious and private schools who will be focused on developing honesty and character vs. the government's moral and value-free schools today.

What is to stop a Private Defense Agency from going rogue and taking over a neighborhood or town like a warlord?

Unlike the monopoly police, PDAs can easily be fired by switching providers. It is unlikely that a successful company would endanger their business and doubtful that the employees would go along with it especially knowing they don't have the "qualified immunity" of monopoly police, would be facing an armed population and retaliation from rival PDAs protecting their clients in that particular area.

RESOURCES FOR A DEEPER DIVE

Articles: [*Free Market Police, Courts, and Law*](#)¹⁰ - Reason Magazine article by Murray Rothbard

Videos: [*Tate Fegley - The Case for Private Policing*](#)¹¹ - YouTube Video (11:12)

Books: *For a New Liberty* by Murray Rothbard (Chapter 12) and *The Machinery of Freedom* by David Friedman



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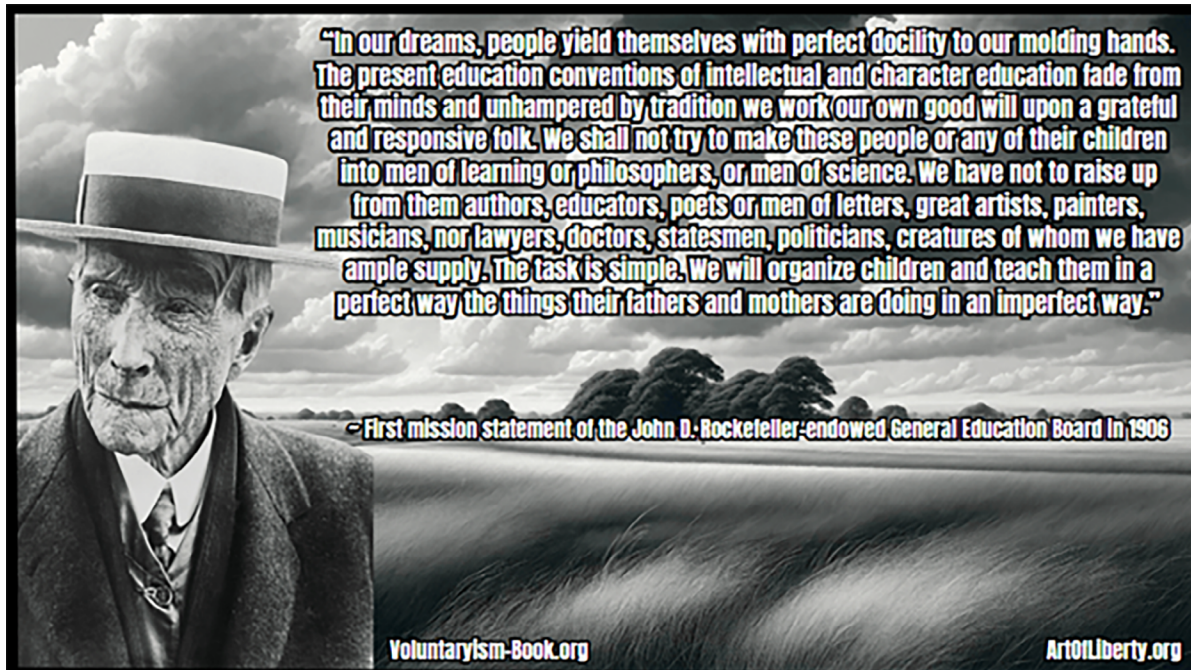
Some people believe that because voluntarists are against government-run education that we must be against all education. Voluntarists simply believe that the free market delivers the widest variety of educational options at the best possible prices. The government-run school system is an abject failure almost across the board outside of a small fraction of, typically wealthy, enclaves that have managed to isolate themselves from many of the worst travesties of the government system. Metal detectors, fights, theft and even strong-arm violence plague the system with some schools being open war zones.

After 11 students were criminally charged in a large-scale brawl at Brockton High School in Massachusetts in February of 2024, four members of the school board wrote a letter to the Governor imploring her to call out the National Guard! One of the board members, Tony Rodrigues, explained the situation to a reporter:

*"We have 20 to 25 teachers that are calling out on a daily basis. That leaves roughly 800 students that are unsupervised in the building. When you have a lot of educators or staff not in the building, these kids are free to roam... It's a free for all."*¹²

These are simply not issues that are present in private and parochial schools and very few parents would ever willingly send their kids to schools that had these levels of violence and scholastic ineptitude. Shouldn't parents have the choice to choose schools that reflect their values and priorities?

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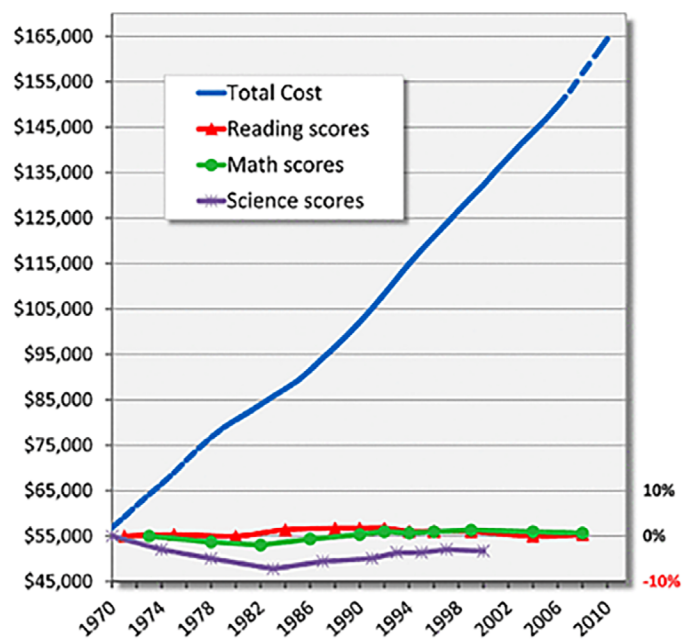
This author, and many others, believe the Government's schools are designed to (tax) slave-up and dumb-down our kids in a hidden curriculum not understood by most teachers and administrators. Everything about the government school system is wrong: segregation by age vs. ability, the compulsory pledge of allegiance, and the use of collective punishment, corporal punishment, and public shaming as obedience techniques. Red/Yellow/Green classroom management techniques, restrictions on movement without permission, lack of freedom to use the restroom without permission, mandatory vaccinations, searches, school "resource officers", sex education, death education, whole language, D.A.R.E. Programs, surveillance cameras, active shooter drills, critical race theory, LBQT studies, gender transition assistance, ineffective teaching methodologies (whole language, common core, standardized tests to name a few) and indoctrinating kids into a hidden religion: [Statism](#).¹³



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Out of Control Costs with No Corresponding Improvement in Results - One of the problems inherent in a system with a monopoly provider that gets to enforce their price increases with state-sanctioned extortion is there is nothing to rein in costs or encourage improvement. A 2016 article by the Illinois Policy Institute noted that property tax rates had almost doubled in Illinois from 3.6% of income in 1990 to 6.4% of income with some paying more in property taxes than mortgage payments.¹⁴ The chart below from the Cato Institute shows the total cost of K-12 education skyrocketing but achievement stagnant to slightly negative. Many of the counties that spend the highest-per capita also have the worst results so lack of funding isn't the answer.

Trends in inflation-adjusted cost of a complete K-12 public education (\$ scale), and achievement of 17-Year-Olds (% scale)



Cato Institute

"Total cost" is the whole amount spent on the K-12 education of a student graduating in the given year.

Data sources

(test scores): NAEP, Long Term Trends reports, U.S. Department of Education (cost): Digest of Education Statistics 2011, Table 191, U.S. DOE, CPI adjusted to constant 2012 \$. Missing values linearly interpolated or extrapolated.

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"... the nature of public education, in particular its existential reliance on extrinsic motivation, encourages depression through both implicit and explicit discouragement of curiosity."

-- Greenberg, Michael Buffett, *"How Our Public Education System Discourages Curiosity and Encourages Depression and Anxiety"* (2020).



In this colorized picture from 1943, students are being indoctrinated into the hidden curriculum of [Statism](#)¹⁵ and giving the "Bellamy Salute" which changed that year to the hand-over-the-heart used today. Full story in "Government" - The Biggest Scam in History... Exposed!

Statism and the Prussian Model of Education - [Statism](#)¹⁶ is one of the "hidden curriculums" in the government's mandatory schools. It is the indoctrinated belief in the legitimacy, desirability and necessity of having a "State"/"Government" and it is taught to kids before they are old enough to really evaluate the logic and the morality of those claims. The other hidden curriculum is unquestioning obedience and it is a product of what has become known as the Prussian model of education which was adopted not just by the U.S. but by the overwhelming number of countries where the rulers are running the technique of "government" on the population to rob and control them. It was an educational system that came into favor in Prussia (now Germany) in the early 19th century after Prussia's



defeat by Napoleon at the battle of Jena. It was believed that the soldiers in the battle, many impressed (forced) into military service, had thought for themselves on the battlefield vs. yielding to military discipline. The Prussian model was developed specifically to address this issue by imbuing the State's ideology into youth and an obedience to its orders. [John Taylor Gatto](#),¹⁷ author and New York City/New York State Teacher of the Year, breaks down the Prussian system:

"[It] divided the society into children who will become policy-makers; children who will become assistants to policymakers (the engineers, architects, lawyers, and doctors); and the children who will be the vast, massed, the used."

"Prussia sets up a three-tier school system, in which 0.5% of the population is taught to think. They go to a school called Academie. 5.5% of the population go to Realschulen, where they partially learn to think, but not completely, because Prussia believed their defeat at the hands of Napoleon was caused by people thinking for themselves at times of stress on the battlefield. They were going to see to it that scientifically this couldn't happen."

"The lowest 94% went to Volksschulen, where they were to learn harmony, obedience, freedom from stressful thinking, and how to follow orders. They worked out a system that would in fact guarantee such results. In the Volksschule, it was to divide whole ideas (which really simultaneously participate in math, science, social thinking, language, and art) into subjects which hardly had existed before, to divide the subjects further into units; to divide the time into small enough units of time. With enough variations in the course of a day, no one would know what was going on."



The core methodologies of the Prussian systems continue today with mandatory government schools with government teachers teaching from government textbooks that government is legitimate, desirable and necessary. Kindergarten is a Prussian word that means "garden to raise children" unstated is "in the ideology of the state." Government-affiliated scouting programs and the military's

JROTC are present in the current "public" school system, while government enforcers known as "school resource officers" accustom students to searches without warrants and submitting to government authority. Students are conditioned to taking orders from government employees from a young age, requiring government permission even to use the bathroom. Students are not permitted to leave without permission and are tracked down by the State's enforcers should they fail to attend.

Debilitation - Thanks to propagandized obedience and state-sanctioned influence of the pharmaceutical industry and food industry, children are pumped full of chemicals, from ADD and ADHD drugs to 76 doses of 18 different ["vaccines"](#)¹⁸ including some laced with toxic mercury and aluminum. There is frequently toxic processed food with genetically modified (GMO) ingredients, sugar, glutamates, soy, glyphosate-soaked wheat, refined grains, rBGH dairy, and food from BPA/BPS-lined cans being served in the lunch room. There is almost always neurologically-damaging fluoridated water in the water fountain.¹⁹



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THE VOLUNTARYIST & FREE MARKET ALTERNATIVES

In the absence of mandatory, "government"-funded schools, voluntaryists believe that the free market would flourish, delivering the widest variety of educational options at the best-possible prices. Many people point to the high-cost of private education today and believe that they would not be able to afford education for their children BUT forget to calculate the current cost of private education includes both the cost of the education they want (private) and the cost of the education they don't want (public) which is extorted through property taxes, sales taxes and grants to school districts from federal income taxes. Getting rid of "government" would free up money that could then be devoted to the education you want for your kids. It would also free up the existing schools, teachers and administrators who could be reorganized by innovators and entrepreneurs to be able to deliver the types of education that parents actually want in a mixed model with aspects of curriculum-on-demand from the internet, self-directed learning, apprenticeship and other options not utilized in the one-size-fits-all-government-school model. Simultaneously, the "government" has "stolen the oxygen" from religious and civic organizations that we believe would step up and provide financial assistance for those in need. We think this is an area where mutual aid societies and employers would participate as well.

Finally, a network of private schools with invested parents and students is more likely to inspire ongoing support from the alumni that is almost completely missing in today's mandatory "government" schools. In 1993, I watched from the sidelines as a close friend's school, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington DC, was severely damaged by a fire that did \$12 million dollars in damage. Not only did the school raise the funds from alumni (and insurance) to rebuild but came back better than ever. A 2019 capital campaign for the school raised \$25 million and the school provides \$2.5 million per year in financial aid to qualified applicants. Currently, the mandatory "government" school system engenders no such loyalty or devotion, but it is easy to imagine a future where almost every school has devoted alumni and support from their community.

A Free Market in Education - Many people are shocked to discover that, in the same way as there are alternatives to the AMA's monopoly system of allopathic medicine, there are many different competing educational methodologies that are producing better results than the government's one-size-fits-all, hasn't-changed-in-over-a-century-method that produces such poor results. Some of these competing educational methodologies include:

Montessori Schools - Montessori is a method of *education that is based on self-directed activity, hands-on learning and collaborative play.*

Waldorf Schools - Waldorf schools prioritize the arts and the development of the imagination through music, puppetry, dance-like movement, painting, drawing, and knitting.

Acton Academies - In addition to competing educational methodologies, there are innovative business models for delivering education. These include Acton Academies where learning guides - they aren't called teachers - enable students to do their own learning using the older students in the school as tutors for the younger students. The model enables the academy to have far fewer on-site adults per student than a traditional independent school and to operate at a cost of roughly \$4,000 - \$9,500 per student per year.

QuantumCamp - was founded in 2009 to teach quantum physics in an innovative way. The school now offers a complete hands-on math and science curriculum for students in 1st through 8th grade, and enrolls about 150 home schoolers during the school year; a number that doubles for their summer program. The cost ranges from \$600 to \$2,400 depending on the program. Each class meets weekly for an activity-based exploration of big ideas and is supplemented by out-of-class content including videos, readings, problem sets, podcasts, and other activities for self-paced exploration and learning.



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VOLUNTARYISM IN ACTION

Finally, in the same way that AirBNB provides the back-end tools to help property owners run and promote their own mini-hotels, there are companies in the market that help parents run and promote their own schools. Prenda and Kaipods are two examples that we explain in more detail below.

Private schools, including those associated with a religion ("parochial schools") are not bound by the same requirements as public schools. They are able to effectively teach students the skills that will serve the students rather than the state. Teachers at private schools have more freedom to teach what their customers want when compared with public schools. The class sizes are often lower compared to public schools, allowing for each student to get more attention when needed.

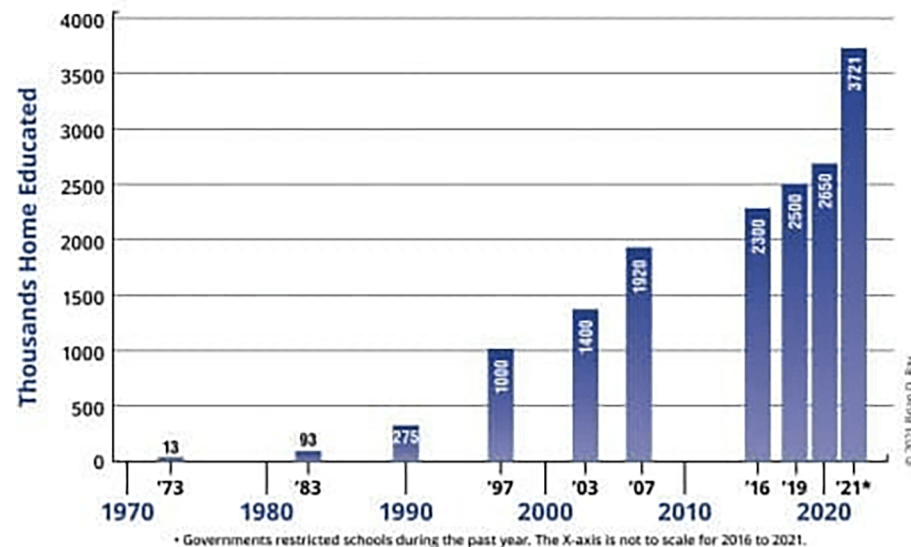
Some parents prefer homeschooling. While requirements imposed by the state can be daunting, they are up to the individual state and in some states, they allow parents to educate their children as the parents see fit. Homeschoolers tend to find each other and thrive together in homeschooling co-ops that share the work and specialization among multiple families. Another strategy used by some parents, "unschooling", relies mostly on the internal drive of students to learn, and pays special attention to providing the tools that help children learn more about what interests them.

One of the bright lights of our current situation is that people are removing their kids from the government's indoctrination system at a record rate and a thousand flowers are blooming. There are standard private schools that teach to the government's curriculum to receive "accreditation" but there are a variety of other alternatives as well. About a dozen states allow families to use taxpayer funds for home-school expenses. Education Savings Accounts, or ESAs, direct thousands of dollars to families that opt out of public school, whether the destination is a private school or their own homes.

A Few of the Many Options that are Flourishing Today:

Homeschooling – The OG option to ruining your kids in the “government” system! Develop or buy your own curriculum and teach your kids yourself. Can resemble traditional schooling or Montessori-style self-directed learning.

GROWTH OF HOMESCHOOLING IN THE UNITED STATES



More and more parents are forsaking the "free" education offered by the organized crime "government" and developing their children themselves.



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Homeschool Co-op – Similar to homeschooling but a partnership between multiple families where they share the workload of teaching, curriculum costs, books, etc.

Fund a Teacher – Soared in popularity during “The Covid” when many parents took some of their teachers “private”. The costs can vary from hiring a high school kid between \$10-40 an hour for dedicated tutoring to splitting the cost of a full-time teacher between multiple families. A full-time private homeschool teacher can cost between \$35,000-\$80,000 per year.

Accelerated Graduation – If you have a high school age child in the government school system currently, please understand that there are options for accelerated graduation where the student proves their competency in the required course work to get their diploma in less than four years. David Rodrigues of Valor Academy helps parents through the process. TheValorAcademy.com

Apprenticeship – There are both options for traditional apprenticeship where the apprentice learns a trade from a skilled journeyman or master; and non-traditional apprenticeships where companies take in low-skill but highly motivated students and help design a course of work that brings them to competence.

Trade School – While many college students are going into debt to pay for unmarketable degrees in the government’s rip-off universities, many kids are going to trade schools some of which offer scholarships and stipends.

Low-cost private school alternatives – There are many options developing for getting your kids out of the government’s indoctrination and tax-slave training system, here are some examples:

Acton Academies – ActonAcademy.org

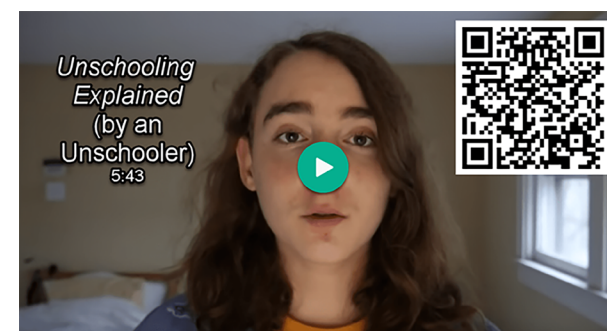
– A low-cost model where older kids serve as guides/instructors for younger kids. There are Acton academies all over the world.

Prenda – Prenda.com – Provides resources for parents or educators to create their own micro-schools (Think Air-BNB for micro schools) where Prenda provides the curriculum and back-end systems needed for success.

Kaipods – KaiPodLearning.com – A KaiPod is a group of 10-12 students who meet in-person at a KaiPod Learning Center to learn, collaborate, and socialize together with the support of a dedicated KaiPod Coach.

Outschool – Outschool.com – Outschool lets almost anyone who wants to teach a class post their offerings online, as long as they are secular. Instructors must pass a background check and a review of their experience, but what they teach is up to them. This year, 500,000 live classes have already been delivered to more than 150,000 students globally, ranging from calculus to chess to life skills to arts and crafts. About half of participants are home-schoolers.

Unschooling – Unschooling is the idea that children can direct their own learning, at their own pace, without the rigid structures of formal education. Instead of following curricula, students are given a supportive setting and resources that fosters their natural curiosity about the world. You have probably done searches on the Internet, followed links, watched youtube videos, and even followed instructions you found through any of those activities. This is probably the most represented kind of education there is. School tends to get in the way of people driven to learn things on their own.



Unlike Homeschooling which tends to replicate the curriculum of a traditional school at home, Unschooling is when kids are able to (almost) completely self-direct their own learning on their own schedule in this short 5:43 video an Unschooler explains what he does and how he does it.²⁰



TRANSITION STRATEGIES

Public schools and local school boards need to have an open discussion on the need to ultimately privatize operations. Because there can be no legitimate "government" there can be no government-funded schools. Teachers and administrators need to begin thinking about how they will privatize school operations and compete for students in a competitive

free market. An obvious model would be a transitional year where each individual school knows it will need to plan for and attract paying students, donations from alumni and a new business model with teachers getting the freedom to set their own curriculum, rates, co-teaching partnerships and administrators having to compete for both teachers and students.

PRIMARY EDUCATION FAQs

What about kids whose parents can't afford to send them to a private school OR just don't care enough to participate?

Unlike socialists, voluntaryists aren't promising that there is going to be Utopia, just that there will be a better overall outcome for the greatest number under a competitive free market system where parents will have the most freedom and choice possible. There are going to be parents who can't afford to send their kids to school, especially during the transition years as mutual aid societies and private/parochial schools build the capacity to deal with the changes wrought by the failure of government and mandatory government schools. The parents in these situations are going to have to rely on homeschooling, home school co-ops, educated friends, apprenticeship and free online resources to provide the best education they can under difficult circumstances.

How do we educate our children in the current system without subjecting them to the damage that government schools cause?

Respect them. Recognize their curiosity. Defend them from teachers who complain about behaviors and disruptions when you can see how curiosity played into those annoying behaviors. Prepare them to recognize and defend themselves from the damage. Organize other parents to discuss requests and demands with teachers and administrators. Some suggestions: No pledge of allegiance, No militarism, no Red, Yellow, Green "Classroom Management Techniques," No D.A.R.E. program, no school resource officers, no searches, no assigned seating, no active shooter drills, no walking in lines, no Critical Race Theory or LGBTQ programs, no Whole Language or Common Core, no control of movement and no mandatory vaccines.

Can we just fix the existing system?

The forces responsible for "public education" are aligned virtually opposite to the direction our kids need to go for successful lives. Albert Shanker, the former president of the National Federation of Teachers said it best: *"I don't represent children, I represent teachers."* Teachers organized in unions to look out for their own interests over unorganized children is but one special interest among many attempting to bend public education to their will by influencing textbooks, politicians, and school boards. Special interests ranging from creationists to LGBTQ activists to Critical Race Theorists are constantly battling at the school board level to seize the ring of power to impose their particular will on the majority vs. the simple logic of letting each parent choose the school, home school coop, or apprenticeship they believe is in the best interest of their child.

RESOURCES FOR A DEEPER DIVE

Articles: [Enterprising Education: Doing Away with the Public School System](#)²¹ by Walter Block and Andrew Young ([in The Liberator](#))²²

Videos: [Questions Without Answers: The Power of a Curious Education](#) | Brinlee Kidd | TEDxSalzburg (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bSUYIfEy7w>)
[The Ultimate History Lesson: A Weekend with John Taylor Gatto](#)²³ - Interviewed by Richard Grove ([in The Liberator](#))²⁴

Books: [The Separation of School and State: How to Liberate America's Families](#)²⁵ by Sheldon Richman

[Weapons of Mass Instruction](#)²⁶ by James Taylor Gatto ([in The Liberator](#))²⁷

[The Underground History of American Education](#)²⁸ by John Taylor Gatto ([in The Liberator](#))²⁹

[Education Without the State](#)³⁰ by Tom Woods ([in The Liberator](#))³¹



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