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BOOK REVIEW

FedEd: a book that you absolutely, positively must read

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“They (who) seek to establish systems of government based on the regimentation of all human beings by a handful of individual rulers call this a new order. It is not new and it is not order.”

—Franklin D. Roosevelt

Allen Quist has delivered a concise, uncompromising exposé of the federal takeover of public education in *FedEd: The New Federal Curriculum and How It's Enforced*. Quist asserts that this takeover is dumping down or eliminating academics, and threatens our country's fundamental freedoms. “This takeover amounts to a bloodless coup,” says Quist. He supports his case by citing speeches, documents, and Internet web sites published by liberal think tanks, the federal government, and federal contractors. This is not a conspiracy, it's a takeover hidden in plain sight.

In the logical, step-by-step presentation of a college professor (Quist teaches political science at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota), Quist first explains the origins of the federal curriculum. The reader may wonder how the federal government can mandate curriculum, when public education has for most of this country's history been left to the states. The answer is found in the federal education funding bill, HR 6, which gives the Center for Civic Education the power to write the mandated federal education standards for civics and government—with no oversight whatsoever, not by Congress, not by school boards, not by parents.

Civics plays a pivotal role because the federal curriculum “has been developed to dramatically change all of American society, especially American government...The agenda is not primarily educational, it is primarily ideological and political.”

The genesis of this radical and fundamental change in the mission of public education came from such figures as Marc Tucker, Director of the National Center for Education and the Economy (NCEE); former President Bill Clinton and former First Lady and current Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (D-NY); and Shirley McCune, well-known advocate of the federal curriculum.

Quist explains how the mass media is used to help implement the federal curriculum, and how even private and home schools are “encouraged” to teach the federal curriculum, because college entrance exams are being aligned to the curriculum.

Next, Quist discusses the federal curriculum's seven principal “themes,” which permeate all of its subject areas (not just civics):

1. Undermining national sovereignty.
2. Redefining natural rights.
3. Minimizing natural law.
4. Promoting environmentalism.
5. Requiring multiculturalism.
6. Restructuring government.
7. Redefining education as job skills.

Some of these themes, such as undermining national sovereignty, are objectionable on their face. Others, such as promoting environmentalism and multiculturalism, are good ideas that are distorted to radical extremes in the federal curriculum. And redefining or eliminating natural rights and natural law tinkers with the very foundations of our republic. All are designed to do no less than restructure American society, and this is not being disclosed to parents, legislators, or citizens, let alone allowing schools or students to “opt-out.” What ever happened to the teaching of knowledge in school?

Then Quist explains how the federal curriculum is being enforced today, through the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), the 1000+ page federal No Child Left Behind Act, and its expansion into the cradle through early childhood education or “baby ed.” History buffs and fans of George Orwell's *1984* will take special interest in the chapter called “Reconstructing History,” which explains how a concept called constructivism is literally rewriting history to fit the federal curriculum.

Quist concludes with a call to spread the word. “Tell your friends,” he says. “Give or loan them copies of this book...If the new Federal Curriculum is not thrown out, our generation will be the last generation to understand what genuine freedom means.” *FedEd* the most concise and easy-to-understand explanation to date of the movement that is using public education to transform the basis of American society from freedom to central control. With this book, Allen Quist has enabled our generation to understand what is happening, and then to make a choice that will affect generations to come.

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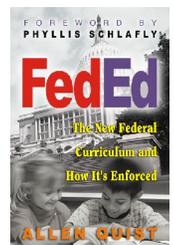
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