

Freedom of Education under threat all around the world !

Dear friends,

As we read in the University magazine, at Harvard they are more concerned to maintain their educational power and public school than American parents and children.

But, you might imagine, Harvard 'opinion' will influence all educational public institutions around the world.

We are all under threat !

That is why in the last few days this important US cultural and educational institution has decided to lead a campaign against homeschooling; it means parents who are opting, out of choice or out of necessity, to educate children at home. Harvard Magazine published an article where a presumptive ban on the practice is recommended. There are many reasons why the idea in this article is dangerous and offensive.

First of all, it is an attack against parents' rights; there is a point where teachers and other school personnel are presumed to protect children better than parents who are actually considered dangerous for their own children. It is not true; different studies report exactly the opposite idea: children are safer with their genetic parents, married mother and father. The second point is about countries that Bartholet used as an example. They are famous because of heartbreaking abductions of children, removals from families that have resulted in penalization by the justice, etc. Think about what happened to the Wundrelich family in Germany. On August 23rd 2013, a group of 33 police officers threatened to use a battering ram to open the door at Wunderlich's house. In Norway there is Bodnariu family's case that shows a striking injustice and suffering. This case affected international public opinion. Third. In her article, Bartholet put together prejudice and other false and misleading information on homeschooling. It is not only for wealthy "white" families; different studies have demonstrated that 32% of homeschoolers are not white/Caucasians. An element that is omitted: homeschoolers usually have better results in general tests and entry tests to colleges. A powerful group is more concerned to maintain status quo of "public education" (university, school teachers union, public administrative offices, etc) than of the real educational and cultural growth of our children.

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