

## Re: Attorney generals trying to shut down usenet?

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MooseFET wrote:

On Jun 16, 6:19 pm, James Arthur <[bogusabd...@xxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:bogusabd...@xxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

[...privately or home schooled ...]

You're passing a moral judgement here: you'd decide (or have government decide) which parents are fit to raise their own kids. That's monstrous. Can't you see that?

It defies imagination that any parent so motivated could be worse than the public schools, even if they tried.

You have a *\*very\** weak imagination or you have seen only a very small section of mankind if you can't imagine parents doing far worse than the public schools.

You must have much less experience with them than I do, and much less faith in the basic goodness of the common man.

Anyway, it's not for us to judge: when kids reach 18 they can do as they wish; until then, parents rule.

As a society, we take children away for seriously bad parents all the time.

Oh no we don't. O.J. Simpson still has his kids. All manner of druggies, misfits, teenagers, etc., all have theirs. Why? Because the courts have decided they have that right.

"Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" includes "and oh yes, an idiot government that'll confiscate your kids?" Sheesh.

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Can't you imagine parents that are not bad enough to have their children removed by only a small margin.

We decide these sorts of things all the times as a society. We don't let bad parents impose their evil will upon their children. Someones children are their charge not their property.

And it's not in the public interest to deny them. The home-schoolers I've known have all been \_lightyears\_ ahead of their public (or private) school counterparts.

How many have you known?

Obviously a small percentage. What's the high-school graduation rate in your neck of the woods?

Cheers,  
James Arthur

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