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On Tue, 17 Jun 2008 06:29:22 -0700 (PDT), MooseFET <[kensmith@xxxxxxxx](mailto:kensmith@xxxxxxxx)> wrote:

On Jun 16, 7:57 pm, James Arthur <[bogusabd...@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:bogusabd...@xxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

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

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

No, I'd say that you don't understand that the average says nothing of the range. The common man is good is based on an average. The range goes from extremely evil to extremely good.

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

As I said elsewhere: children are their charge not their possession. Society have basically always reserved the right to remove children from the control of a truly bad parent.

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

Oh no we don't.

Yes we do. feed "child protective services" complete with quotes into the google.

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.

The government is us acting collectively. It is only "idiot government" to the degree that we are idiots.

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

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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?

Right here it is about 95%. The worst in the bay area is about 75%.

Cheers,  
James Arthur

You may find this data interesting:

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