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What happened to the "Public" in Public Education?

Corporatization and the war on thinking in K-12 and University Education

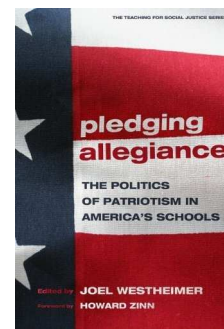
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ABSTRACT



In classrooms throughout Canada and the United States, educators' freedom to teach critical thinking is under attack. From myopic standardized testing and "accountability" policies in K-12 education to corporate intrusion into university teaching and research, education for the public good is under siege. At the same time, many educators are emphasizing broader democratic goals of schooling as an alternative agenda. Hear how standardized tests limit teachers' ability to teach critical thinking and students' opportunity to think at all. Explore the ways teacher professionalism and academic freedom are under renewed attack. Find out what can be done about it.

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