

## **Ed Says:**

***“Idaho is the last foxhole for freedom and the American Dream. It is no surprise that families are flocking here. But that promise is being sabotaged. Every time you pay your taxes you are footing the bill for the destruction of America.”***

## **The Problem**

Raising your family and working hard are integral to realize the promises of this land. Sadly, there are hordes of political operatives who have craftily hijacked the system to ensure their personal political agenda is implemented while you are occupied living your best life. Now, every time you pay your taxes you are footing the bill to ruin Idaho and destroy the American Dream.

Untold millions of our tax-dollars are funneled into private organizations who employ teams of activists that implement their political agenda. Most of these organizations have nice sounding names and excellent marketing. Their stated purpose often seems reasonable and necessary.

Everyone supports more funding for public education, but education dollars fund the Idaho Education Association (IEA), a subsidiary of the NEA which announced they are putting tens of millions into a legal fund to take down anyone who opposes critical race theory. Education dollars also fund liberal textbook companies that promote special-interest science and socialism as “an economic system that makes up for the shortcomings of capitalism.”<sup>1</sup>

It is hard to argue against funding preschool to help youngsters to get a jump start on learning, but who wants tax dollars funneled to a subsidiary of the NAEYC which promotes “anti-bias education” and claims that white children need education to prevent “internalized oppression.”

<sup>1</sup> <https://idahofreedom.org/school-superintendents-ignore-record-of-failure/>

We have long supported PBS favorites like Sesame Street, but do we want to fund an agenda that says even babies have “white privilege?” What about NPR that uses your money to fund “anti-racism workshops for NPR and Member stations.” Socialist activists have job security in Idaho just as much as in California.

Taxpayer funded non-profits do an incredible job at organizing efforts to ensure their chosen candidates and causes are successful during elections. If you continue to ignore that you are paying activists to harass our communities, then you are helping to ruin Idaho and destroy the American Dream.

## **The Solution**

It is no longer acceptable to funnel our hard-earned money into the coffers of political operatives and activists. It’s time for change!

- We need a free exchange of ideas instead of a subsidized exchange of pre-approved ideas. Idaho needs school choice
- On day one as Governor, I will ban all state agencies from hiring lobbyists. Also, I will wield the line-item veto to cut the special interest pork out of the budget.

*If we have to play Whack-A-Mole all over this state, stopping this critical race theory, we will do it.*

*- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis*