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Stop the spiritual child molestation in our schools

"What is going on in our schools today, and constantly getting worse, is little short of rape of the family, and of our children's minds. If we permit this to continue, we shall have no future as a human society, or a nation." These words are from a summons to battle by independent Virginia gubernatorial candidate Nancy Spannaus, who called on July 13 for nationwide war against the anti-family, brainwashing, spiritual child molestation known as "child-centered school reform," or outcome-based education (OBE).

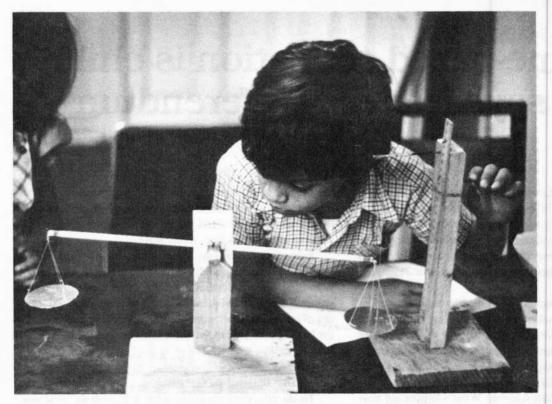
In the report which follows, *EIR* presents some of the evidence to corroborate her charges. Our package, initiating a campaign that will be expanded in coming issues, includes a speech by an expert opponent of OBE and documentation on the names and modus operandi of the "reformers." It concludes with a writing by Lyndon LaRouche on a real reform of American curriculum.

Who's responsible?

"In every school where these insidious programs are being pushed through, there's a core of guidance counsellors, administrators, or teachers pushing it," Spannaus said. "At the same time, however, we have to look to where this deliberate subversion of morality and learning is coming from. We find it being fostered by the National Education Association (NEA) and the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith (ADL), both of which have taken active stands against traditional Judeo-Christian morality. The ADL has virulently campaigned against even the presence of Bibles in classrooms, and hired itself out to teach 'tolerance' in classrooms and government offices around the country.

"This is no surprise in the case of the NEA and ADL, both of which have been dominated by graduates of the communist Frankfurt School of Social Research since the 1930s, and both of which were founded by conscious opponents of Judeo-Christian morality. Frankfurt School communists consciously aim to use schoolchildren as shock troops against parents, as occurred in China's Cultural

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In the sick world of the New Age guidance counsellors, a child with a long attention span, who sits still in his chair and does his homework every night, is seen as a likely victim of "authoritarian" parents who administer "excessive discipline." Will the intense concentration shown by this boy become a thing of the past, under outcome-based education?

Revolution and Nazi Germany. They envision a society in which the family has been eliminated as a moral base, and as a barrier to children being pawns of the state, or of private employers," the candidate said.

How it works

Spannaus described the reforms as "undertaken in the name of making education more 'relevant' to the child," while in fact they "give license to guidance counsellors, and even teachers, to twist the minds of our children from kindergarten onward, into a movement against their parents. Your child hasn't told you about the group-grope therapy sessions he or she is in? That's because the counsellor told them not to!

"You have heard about the sex education, which peddles the line that sexual perversions are 'normal,' and literally teaches how these perversions can be practiced. Use of children's books like *Heather Has Two Mommies* and *Daddy's Roommate* led to a mass revolt in New York City against Schools Chancellor Joseph Fernandez, but they are still being inserted into classrooms and children's libraries around the country.

"Children are being literally brainwashed into viewing themselves as hedonistic animals who have to 'get along' and 'respect' the most degraded practices in society. They are forced to share their family's 'secrets' in group sessions, and encouraged to turn against all traditional religious and moral values.

"It is no secret that American young people are failing miserably in their mastery of mathematics, science, history,

and language—all the essentials for maintaining and developing our civilization.

"Yet this New Age garbage such as outcome-based education, or, in Virginia, the Common Core of Learning, is the same 'anti-authoritarian' garbage that we see in the counselling. Virginia teachers have told me that they are being instructed not to correct children in spelling, because this will 'inhibit' their creativity. They have also said that they are supposed to put their children into 'relaxation' classes every morning, and let the children themselves, not the teachers, decide what subject they want to learn about!

"This is the academic equivalent of the emotional rape of the child. In some parts of the country, the process has gone so far that teachers have called in parents to ask them whether they are physically abusing their children—because the child has the attention span to do his work, and does his homework every night! In major cities, many children are subjected to drugs and made 'controllable,' rather than given the mental stimulation to learn.

"How many of our children can read the U.S. Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, much less the Federalist Papers? We have undergone a decline in literacy that is alarming to anyone who believes that the preservation of our republic depends upon the involvement of its citizens. If we are not raising our children to be able to think about public policy, or science, or history, who is going to do that thinking? We are headed toward a dictatorship over a mass of manipulable zombies—unless we stop the process now!"