

Case against vouchers; worries about Texas

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In response to Jason Bedrick's contrast between school vouchers and tax-credit scholarships: Sorry, but the Pastors for Texas Children were quite correct. (See Friday commentary "Don't confuse tax credits with school vouchers.")

Although the Supreme Court has ruled that tax credits were never public funds, for all practical purposes, if money is going to private schools instead of the state budget, it ends up being public support nonetheless.

And, yes, tax exemptions and deductions for religious enterprises *do* amount to public support for religion (though no religion in particular).

We've made that decision as a society, but that doesn't mean we double down and add public support to religious schools as well — especially at the inevitable expense of our public school system.

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