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Arizona court ruling boosts Georgia law's prospects

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And no, I am not talking about proposed **immigration legislation**. Rather, I refer to the tax-credit scholarship program that has been growing in Georgia; a similar law in Arizona was **upheld** in a decision of the U.S. Supreme Court released today.

Andrew Coulson at the libertarian Cato Institute **explains** why this ruling is great news for fans of school choice:

Ruling in *ACSTO v. Winn* today, the United States Supreme upheld Arizona's k-12 scholarship tax credit program. Under this program, individuals receive a tax cut if they donate to a non-profit scholarship fund that gives out private school tuition aid.

Today's decision, a reversal of an earlier ruling by the 9th Circuit, found that the respondents had no right to sue to stop the AZ program because they have not been harmed by it. ...

Respondents alleged that cutting a person's taxes is equivalent to spending government money — and since taxpayers are receiving credits for donations to religious organizations, that was ostensibly equivalent to the government giving to those organizations. The Court answered, quite simply: "That is incorrect."

Coulson also writes that he favors this approach over "both traditional public schooling and voucher programs." I don't think it has to be an either/or situation. Vouchers allow parents to decide where the dollars tabbed for their own children's education are spent, while tax-credit scholarships allow taxpayers, whether they're parents or not, to steer their tax dollars to the type of educational model they think is best.

Both ideas recognize that there are ways for the public to pay for education beyond the traditional public schooling model, and I think there's room for both.

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