



What a free society? Think 'school choice'

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An educational analyst and blogger says liberty in America is ultimately all about school choice.

Neal McCluskey of the Cato Institute says a free society is foremost about the individuals who have the right and ability to control their own lives. He argues that forcing people into a system of "common" schools promotes divisiveness, inequality, and a one-size-fits-all system of teaching.

"Ultimately, school choice should be about having an education system that is consistent with fundamental American values and what the country is supposed to be about – and first and foremost, that is individual liberty," he tells OneNewsNow.

McCluskey, the associate director of Cato's Center for Educational Freedom, says the governmental proposition that all children will learn one thing regardless of what their parents may think or believe is antithetical to a free society.

"If you truly want to maintain a free society, you need to let parents make decisions for their kids based on what those parents think are the right values, the right things for them to learn, [and] the right people for them to associate with," he states.

The analyst says while over the last 25 years vast numbers of students have enrolled in charter schools or private schools or are being homeschooled, there's still a chasm that has to be overcome to move to ultimate freedom.