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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Common Core not worth time

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Your Oct. 25 editorial "Keep Common Core" described opposition to Common Core as driven by "demonization, disruption, and destruction" tactics of the Tea Party. This illustrates the sort of double-talk that has citizens greatly concerned.

You referred to the Core as a "curriculum" multiple times — not just standards — while also writing that districts "will select their own curricula." So is the Core just standards, or curricula?

You also argued that state adoption was "voluntary," then almost immediately identified "strong" federal coercion to get states to adopt Common Core. So was adoption truly voluntary, or federally pushed?

Most Common Core opponents would just like some straight answers. And once they get those answers, they're likely to find that Common Core is not worthy of support.

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