



## Common Core defenders missing something

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**A leading conservative education analyst points to two op-ed articles as proof that Common Core supporters fear their side is getting bludgeoned by opponents of the Core.**

In his blog post titled "[Core-ites Awaken](#)," the [Cato Institute](#)'s Neal McCluskey says the new op-eds by Delaware Gov. Jack Markell (D) and former Georgia Gov. Sonny Perdue (R) are examples of how supporters are often short on facts but long on disparaging remarks.

"They don't seem to have anything of substance ... or much of substance to say to actually defend the Core, so they persist in this seemingly endless strategy of saying that the opponents of Common Core spread misinformation myths," McCluskey submits.

He goes on to point out that the Markell and Perdue articles ignore the heavy hand that Washington has had in getting states to adopt the standards.

"The refusal to acknowledge any federal involvement in this just shows, I think, how unwilling the defenders of Common Core are to have any sort of meaningful, serious debate and how reliant they are on trying to smear their opponent rather than deal in any sort of substance about the Core and how we got it," the analyst contends.

McCluskey's blog also reminds his readers that states blindly adopted the standards in order to qualify for a part of the more than \$4 billion in Race to the Top federal funds -- a decision a number of them now regret.

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