



'Core' opposition about education, not immigration

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An education analyst with the Cato Institute says a former congressman and governor's attempt to link Donald Trump's position on immigration to the Common Core standards is a bit of a stretch.

Cato Institute's political analyst Neal McCluskey surmises that former New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson, in an op-ed for MSNBC, is trying to send the message that "bigots" like Trump don't want to give Hispanic immigrants access to high academic standards.

"The implication was if you're against Common Core, then you are against the mechanism that is going to help Hispanic and Latino kids to learn," he tells OneNewsNow. "And by implication, you are also then connected to Donald Trump."

McCluskey, associate director for Cato's Center for Educational Freedom, says those opposed to the Common Core are more concerned about education than they are about immigration or politics.

"Opposition to the Core, that I have seen, is based on the conclusion that the Common Core is not a good way to get the best educational outcome for all students," he shares, "[and] that there is no meaningful empirical evidence that national standards lead to better outcomes."

Richardson's op-ed, according to McCluskey, is a good example that Core defenders continue to ignore objections and dodge serious debate in favor of caricaturing opponents of Common Core.