



Feds unhappy over for-profit education

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One education analyst says the Obama administration is once again showing its opposition to for-profit schools and colleges.

The most recent target of the Obama administration is the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools.

Neal McCluskey of the [Cato Institute](#) says it's easy to fault ACICS because the accreditor works with older, low-income students who work full time and struggle in school. It has the largest number of low-income students, he says.

"Which is a pretty clear sign that the reason they don't have the best outcomes is because they're dealing with the toughest population," McCluskey observes.

He says the feds like to pick on for-profits because that masks the biggest problem in higher education, which is excessive federal spending.

"But an honest assessment says this is not the root problem," he suggests. "The root problem is the federal government giving away money to people without regard for whether or not they're willing and able to do real college-level work."

McCluskey says after the spotlight is taken off their latest target, those in federal government most responsible for the failures in higher education will be on the hunt for a new scapegoat.