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## **The National Education Bureaucracy at Work**

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Your editorial “Miguel Cardona, Miseducation Secretary” (May 6) asks, “The federal Department of Education’s mission is supposed to be . . . what exactly?” The answer is that it doesn’t have a real mission. The Constitution gives the federal government no authority to govern in education, leaving it to the people or states.

Education Secretary Cardona’s response to drops in national civics and U.S. history scores—take no responsibility and attack conservatives—illustrates the framers’ wisdom. A federal department was bound to end up politicized and advocating powerful status-quo interests.

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