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9/3: Leave Them Kids Alone!

Conservative bloggers are furious that Pres. **Obama** will deliver a [special address](#) to public school students in which he will "speak directly to the nation's children and youth about persisting and succeeding in school." While the themes of Obama's speech appear fairly innocuous, righty bloggers are convinced that Obama will use the speech to indoctrinate children with leftist ideas. **Michelle Malkin** warns that Obama will use the speech (along with the accompanying [preparatory materials](#)) to promote "**Bill Ayers'** pedagogical philosophy," which she describes as "downplaying academic achievement in favor of left-wing radical activism in the public schools." Meanwhile, several righty bloggers are [urging](#) parents to keep their children home from school on 9/8 so that they'll avoid watching Obama's speech. One [RedState](#) [blogger](#) sounds an ominous alarm:

"There is a puzzle being put together before us. The pieces just keep falling into place. Day of service. Compulsory volunteerism. Children being called to service for the good of the community. Can you see the picture it's making?"

What else is happening in the blogosphere?

- Liberal bloggers ([Sirota](#), [Yglesias](#), [Moulistsas](#)) are delighted that ex-state Speaker **Andrew Romanoff** (D) is [preparing to challenge](#) Sen. **Michael Bennet** (D-CO) -- not because the netroots necessarily prefer Romanoff to Bennet, but because the threat of a primary challenge seems to be [pushing Bennet to the left](#).
- **Ezra Klein** has written [three separate posts](#) explaining how Sen. **Olympia Snowe** (R-ME) has considerable leverage over what the eventual health care bill will look like. **Jane Hamsher** is [disgusted](#) that Snowe wields so much power when Dems control both houses of Congress and the WH, and she [blames](#) WH CoS **Rahm Emanuel** for helping Snowe weaken the public option. Meanwhile, liberal bloggers ([icebergslim](#), [Aravosis](#), [Uygur](#), [digby](#), [Willis](#)) are growing increasingly disenchanted with the Obama admin. now that it [appears](#) to be giving up on a public option.
- Liberal bloggers ([Porter](#), [Serwer](#), [Yglesias](#)) are blasting conservative MSNBC pundit **Pat Buchanan** for writing an [op-ed](#) defending Adolf Hitler's actions in the run-up to WWII. Several lefty bloggers ([Roth](#), [Moulistsas](#), [Black](#), [Dayen](#), [Benen](#), [DougJ](#)) are complaining that there is nothing Buchanan could say that would cause MSNBC to fire him.

OBAMA: Indoctrinating Your Children?

Conservative bloggers are very upset that Obama will deliver a [webcast speech](#) on "the importance of education" to public school students:

- **NRO's Jonah Goldberg**: "I've received a lot of e-mail from concerned parents and teachers who say that they've contacted their local schools and asked about Obama's speech."
- **Townhall's Carol Platt Liebau**: "Had **George W. Bush's** Department of Education ever sought to broadcast a presidential speech to the nation's schoolchildren -- and suggested they follow up by writing a letter to themselves about how they could help them -- the left would have gone absolutely beserk. What's a bit unsettling is the common theme -- *let's all help Barack Obama. Not help the country or preserve our freedom or secure*

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