



Government forces unbalanced set of standards

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In putting together the Common-Core Standards for education, the United States ironically drew on a variety of standards from other countries.

Neal McCluskey of the [Cato Institute](#) says the writers of those standards could not find a perfect set of standards in one other country, so they picked and chose from a variety of countries.

"Because apparently no one country has what anyone would consider to be perfect standards," McCluskey says. "There's a lot of competing standards, some better than others."

He says the effort of putting together one set of standards to fit every situation shows why they need to be decentralized.

"It speaks to the fact that it's ridiculous that you can have one definitive, perfect national standard. The fact is no one can agree on what is the best and what is not best," he says.

Though most of the states have adopted the Common-Core Standards, he says they were forced to do so by the Obama administration in order to compete for "Race to the Top" funding.