



## New educ. standards a 'ramping up' of federal control

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A panel of high-profile education experts convened at Utah's Salt Lake Community College to talk about the downside of the [Common Core standards](#) being trumpeted by the Obama administration.

Even though those experts were instrumental in helping to develop Common Core, Neal McCluskey of the [Cato Institute](#) says Utah probably has more opponents of the standards than do most states.

"And maybe other states will start to see more people in the near future get angry about Common Core," he states, "but right now it doesn't look like there is a widespread revolt -- largely because most people don't really know that Common Core exists; and even if they do, they're not really sure what it is."

Though Utah is upset by the push for Common Core, the associate director of Cato's Center for Educational Freedom says federal intrusion into education is nothing new -- although this time around there is an aspect that is new.

"... This is the first time the federal government has tried to specify what standards and what tests every state and every school use," McCluskey explains. "So it's a ramping up of federal control."

After the meeting concluded, organizer Alisa Ellis urged the 300 in attendance to call Governor Gary Herbert and ask him to withdraw Utah from the Common Core. Utah adopted the standards in August 2010.