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Poll: Restraint and seclusion of students
Should Florida ban teachers from using [restraint and seclusion](#) to control students?

- Yes, it's not appropriate
- No, sometimes teachers need that level of control



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Obama indoctrinating students with 'socialist ideology'?

We thought it was just going to be a [hey-kids-stay-in-school-and-work-hard speech](#). But obviously, we've been had. Critics are pouncing on President Obama's plans to give a back-to-school speech Tuesday, with Jim Greer, the chairman of the Republican Party of Florida, calling it a plan to spread "socialist ideology."

"As the father of four children, I am absolutely appalled that taxpayer dollars are being used to spread President Obama's socialist ideology," Greer said in this [statement](#). "The Democrats have clearly lost the battle to maintain control of the message this summer, so now that school is back in session, President Obama has turned to Americans' children to spread his liberal lies, indoctrinating Americans' youngest children before they have a chance to decide for themselves."

The Cato Institute says, "[Hey, Obama, Leave Those Kids Alone.](#)"

The *St. Petersburg Times* Politifact.com site [rated Greer's statement "Pants on Fire"](#) on its Truth-O-Meter. Read [more reaction](#) on our sister blog The Buzz.

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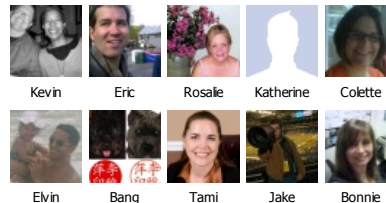
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Greer is a raving lunatic. The Republican party in Florida would do well to kick him to the curb if they ever hope to be viewed as something other than shrill extremists.

Posted by: [DK](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 10:55 AM](#)

nice insider, next time use the entire definition of Fascism,

Posted by: [John](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 10:15 AM](#)

With my tiny, underdeveloped brain, it is impossible for me to understand such complex issues and form the correct opinions.

Good thing all these adults are here to argue over the definitions of words that they do not understand.

If I have managed to learn one thing in the few years I have existed on this earth, it is that meaning does not matter. Emotional, knee-jerk responses to key words is the only way this country can move forward.

God bless America (at least the good parts).

Posted by: [Little Billy](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 09:51 AM](#)

I am appalled that President Obama talk to students about persisting and succeeding in school.

Why would any government official want to challenge students to work hard, set educational goals, and take responsibility for their learning?

Posted by: [impeach Obama](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 09:31 AM](#)

Apparently, we have strong testimony against the Florida Education system, as evidenced by the lack of basic understanding about the definitions of Fascism and Socialism.

There are elements of these philosophies in BOTH parties (ie Rep. facism- "TAKE BACK MY COUNTRY", Dem. Socialism- "BIG GOV"). Though there are several with alternative motives who would attempt to scare and mis-inform people in to believing otherwise, the President is NEITHER a full-blown Fascist or Socialist. Get informed.

Fascism: a political philosophy, movement, or regime that exalts nation and often race above the individual and that stands for a centralized autocratic government headed by a dictatorial leader.

Socialism: a system of society or group living in which there is no private property, and the means of production are owned and controlled by the state.

Posted by: [Insider](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 09:30 AM](#)

Facism and socialism are not the same thing. One is on the right side the other is a leftist view.

Posted by: [go to school](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 09:26 AM](#)











How did the SPT let this piece slip through the cracks.

Posted by: [John](#) | [September 03, 2009 at 08:01 AM](#)

Dear Jason,

The National Socialist German Workers' Party, commonly known in English as the Nazi Party, was a political party in Germany between 1919 and 1945. Facism and socialism are the same thing. Know your facts before you speak please.

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