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Poverty of preschool promises

** 10 minute video by Reason.tv on universal preschool*

"**The Poverty of Preschool Promises**" is a new report released by the Cato Institute. According to report author Adam Schaeffer, more than 1 million children in 38 states attend government-run preschools. The results continue to show statistically significant gains in early grades which all but disappear by middle school. Typically, even those temporary gains appear significant only for low-income students. Essentially, we've spent billions and in the end there is no gain.

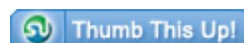
Schaeffer explains the failure: "[P]roponents often base their claims on studies of high intensity family intervention programs that look nothing like the preschool programs that have already passed and that are now being debated in legislatures around the country." And even these high-intensity quality preschools have

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