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Practice free market principles with school choice

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Do you support the idea a free market system? Do you wish to see the private sector flourish? Do you support limited government and free enterprise? Chances are that if you are reading this website, you probably answered "yes" to all of those questions.

Now with that in mind, let me ask you another question: do you send your children to government schools? Statistically, the odds are in favor of you answering "yes .. I send my children to government schools." Well if you are so in favor of a free market economy, why not apply a free market solution to your child's education? What's so different? The Cato Institute did an in-depth study [1] on whether or not large-scale, free-market reforms would improve educational outcomes for American children. I bet you can already guess the results. Here are some of the conclusions they came to based on this study of other free-market reforms implemented internationally.

- Across time, countries, and outcome measures, private provision of education outshines public provision according to the overwhelming majority of econometric studies.
- There are 59 statistically significant findings of market-like education systems outperforming government monopoly schooling (the US system), and only four findings of the reverse, for a ratio of nearly 15 to 1 in favor of free education markets.
- It is in fact the least regulated market school systems that show the greatest margin of superiority over state schooling.
- Based on the patterns that emerge from the global evidence, policymakers should seriously consider providing universal access to minimally regulated education markets in which parents, whenever possible, directly pay at least some of the cost of their children's education.

If you are currently carrying the banner for smaller government, less government, less spending .. why not put some of that same energy toward advocating a free market solution for your child's education? Don't be so complacent with your child's education – It is arguably more important because it is your future at stake. If you are not involved in the movement for free choice, then you are not fully involved in the movement to save our Republic.

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