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Cato's McClusky: Politicians are the problem for Higher Ed

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Neal McClusky had an essay on the Cato Institute blog last month, explaining he believes that politics, not the market, are the primary problem right now in higher education.

In a recent hearing — the first in a promised series — members of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) committee began an inquisition into for-profit higher education, suggesting the sector exploits vulnerable Americans.

"Congress has a responsibility to ensure that ... opportunity is real, and not just false hopes pedaled on a billboard or pop-up ad," declared HELP Chairman Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, in his opening statement, setting the hearing's tone.

So what's wrong with federal politicians calling for-profits to the carpet?

What's wrong is the entire higher education system — not just the proprietary part — is broken, and it's the politicians' fault...[Continue reading Politicians Are the Problem for Higher Ed >>](#)

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