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THE RIGHT TAKE ON HIGHER ED

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## The Right Role for the Federal Government in Higher Ed [George Leef]

Writing at Cato's [At Liberty](#) blog, Neal McCluskey dives into the question of the proper role for the federal government to play in higher education. He cuts the Gordian Knot: Under the Constitution, no branch of the federal government is empowered to do anything with respect to education. He gives the best refutation to the idea that the "General Welfare" clause was intended to allow the government plenty of latitude to do whatever it deems necessary for our supposed good. As Madison wrote, there would have been no point in putting in all of the restrictions on government power if one clause was meant to say to the politicians, "Do what you think is good."

That argument settles it for me.

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