

# [***COX: Why Are Republicans Still Simping For Government Schools?***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6C1C-4GT1-JBFB-H01C-00000-00&context=1516831)

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On April 9, a sophomore in North Carolina named Christian McGhee raised his hand and asked his English teacher whether her use of the word “aliens” referred to “space aliens, or illegal aliens who need green cards?” He was [*suspended*](https://libertyjusticecenter.org/pressrelease/fighting-for-free-speech-the-liberty-justice-center-sues-north-carolina-school-board-for-wrongly-suspending-student-for-question-about-aliens-who-need-green-cards/) for three days for using a racial slur and blocked from competing in a major track meet.

In May, the California Teachers Association brazenly posted a meme advertising their plans to undermine parental objections to curriculum in the public school system.

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And teachers are taking to TikTok to warn Americans about the dire state of their childrens' academic progress, with numerous [*studies*](https://apnews.com/article/math-reading-test-scores-pandemic-school-032eafd7d087227f42808052fe447d76) backing them up.

But despite mounting concerns with the state of our public school system, a number of Republicans who claim to stand for limited government and fiscal responsibility voted to continue trapping kids in these failing (and increasingly woke) systems during the state legislative season of 2024.

There are no good reasons to oppose school choice policies, only financial ones. American schools are going downhill precisely because they are government run. The U.S. [*spends*](https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/indicator/cmd/education-expenditures-by-country#:~:text=In%202019%2C%20the%20United%20States,in%20constant%202021%20U.S.%20dollars).) $15,500 per kid per year on average - 38 percent more than the average of other OECD countries - but our kids keep getting [*dumber*](https://thehill.com/opinion/education/4295760-plummeting-test-scores-an-america-getting-dumber-might-be-the-least-of-our-problems/). Because the government maintains a monopoly on education, though, there are no incentives within the system to force improvement.

To make matters worse, schools have been [*captured*](https://www.pacificresearch.org/why-are-teachers-mostly-liberal/) by unions and bureaucrats that lean significantly to the left. Who controls education and curriculum matters. It is due to this that we increasingly see so much classroom time devoted to woke culture theory rather than the teaching of foundational subjects. The public school system exists to teach people what to think, not how to think, and the evidence of that is already littering our society.

As a whole this is an anti-capitalist institution that is using our tax dollars to teach kids to hate our country, failing to provide them with the tools they need to think for themselves, and funneling the money we throw at it to Democratic politicians.

So why would Republicans vote to entrench it by opposing school choice policies that would empower parents, introduce competition, and give American kids (and therefore our future) a fighting chance?

They should be asked.

While this is by no means an exhaustive list, here are some of the Republicans who did the bidding of the teachers' unions and the Democrats this year.

In Kentucky, state Reps. Michael Meredith and Billy Wesley both opposed educational freedom. According to my sources on the ground, Wesley told activists he would support the bill before ultimately voting against it. They were [*joined*](https://www.yahoo.com/news/kentucky-house-approves-school-choice-135453470.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAALEQ9SB7S2uSxkFegTmcu59cg-UcH6HU7uj7ZDtuJqm1osbQ8mWhWFGBs7Sezn5ZlJ4e80JdrZe3hfQgidhbWQ4W9wsGHr4qrSHllwBTnclMQgLrv1ckohSDi8izj7WYIfQSOZkeAlB9Qsj6BeyVroUAOi0JkzTgJaBvGF5o7z_Q) by ten others.

In ruby-red Alabama, six Republican legislators voted against the universal education savings account program that the governor and GOP legislative leadership prioritized. The [*Alabama*](https://alabamareflector.com/2024/02/28/alabama-house-passes-school-voucher-like-program/) Republicans who partnered with Democrats were state Reps. Alan Baker, Tracy Estes, Chris Sells, Randall Shedd, David Standridge, and Tim Wadsworth.

Over in [*Tennessee*](https://www.foxnews.com/media/school-choice-proponent-warns-tennessee-republicans-school-choice-bill-fails-lose-war), state Reps. Jeremy Faison and Jody Barrett both lied to stakeholders on the ground, assuring them of their support and then flipping their votes last minute.

And in Texas, Republicans who voted against school choice (state Reps. John Kuempel, DeWayne Burns, Justin Holland, and Gary VanDeaver) seem to be enlisting the support of teachers' unions to save them in run-off races with primary challengers who support school choice.

BREAKING: Texas HD 55 4-way GOP Primary:

Hugh Shine:\* 43.5%

Hillary Hickland: 50.2%

Shine was an 8-year incumbent, outspent Hickland 6 to 1, & opposed school choice

Hickland is a local mom endorsed by my organization's school choice super PAC

Shine is the 3rd incumbent ousted [*pic.twitter.com/Lq1tsFGosE*](https://t.co/Lq1tsFGosE)

- Corey A. DeAngelis, school choice evangelist (@DeAngelisCorey) [*March 6, 2024*](https://twitter.com/DeAngelisCorey/status/1765251445140390342?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

Other Republicans who opposed school choice in Texas reportedly have already been replaced.

BREAKING: Texas House District 60 Republican Primary:

Glenn Rogers:\* 36%

Mike Olcott: 64%

Rogers was a 4-year incumbent and voted against school choice.

Olcott was endorsed by my organization's school choice super PAC. [*pic.twitter.com/UpsvrnErRo*](https://t.co/UpsvrnErRo)

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As to why these lawmakers took these stances, we can only speculate (especially considering the fact that many of them are liars when it comes to this topic). But speculation tends to coalesce around the fact that teachers unions have quietly been [*donating*](https://www.foxnews.com/media/teachers-unions-have-quietly-spent-millions-gop-primaries-32-states-report) millions to GOP races in 32 states in recent months.

BREAKING: The largest teachers union in Texas is now texting members urging them to vote for the four “Republicans” who voted against school choice and were forced into runoff elections.

They all face school choice supporters on May 28th. [*pic.twitter.com/IblyGQZ0Rx*](https://t.co/IblyGQZ0Rx)

- Corey A. DeAngelis, school choice evangelist (@DeAngelisCorey) [*April 24, 2024*](https://twitter.com/DeAngelisCorey/status/1783252012748198254?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw)

If so, these people are pretty cheap dates. It doesn't take much to get a whole lot of people to sell out America and our future, it seems.

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**Graphic**

A dark and empty classroom at P.S. 59 in the Brooklyn borough of New York City, New York, U.S., September 2, 2020. REUTERS/Carlo Allegri/pool

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