

Educational Freedom

Editor's Pick. Writtin by Arnold Kling.

Most of us went to school when we were younger, and we cannot imagine otherwise. However, it may be worth contemplating radical alternatives to the notion of school. The conflict between schooling and libertarian principles appears to me to have widened in the age of the Internet.

On the one hand, the Internet greatly enhances the opportunities for independent learning. As Will Richardson points out in his e-book, *Why School?*, learners now face an abundance of educational resources, rather than the scarcity that prevailed when schools became the norm. Moreover, new knowledge is being created at remarkable rates, making lifelong learning essential.

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