

The Learning Revolution versus The State

The world is in the midst of a learning revolution, yet those who wish to continue using education as a means of control do not want to acknowledge it. You can now learn more in an hour—online, for free—than you can in a full day on a college campus. Information has become superabundant and essentially free.

The problem, at least from the perspective of those in higher education, is that people no longer need to attend their obsolete campuses or pay for their overpriced instruction. Unlike the buggy whip manufacturers of yesteryear, however, higher ed will not go down without a fight. One of the ways they will continue to force people into their outdated monopoly is through occupational licensing laws which mandate formal education at state-approved institutions.

It is time to fully embrace modern, decentralized learning and abandon the crumbling edifices of the past. The monopoly on knowledge has been broken, but the state is still enforcing its hold on numerous occupations. As always, the state is the most significant obstacle to real progress.