

Schools or Bars?

Someone was showing me a satellite photo of a place where I used to live. A place where I honed a lot of my outdoor skills. Now the entire area behind my former house, which used to be wooded, has been replaced by a gigantic high school. Yes, I get that nothing stays the same. But there are good changes and bad changes. This is a bad one.

I didn't share the person's enthusiasm for such "progress"- but as I've said before, almost my entire family is involved in government schooling in some way and they feel it's just peachy-keen. They confuse schooling for education.

I grumbled that this was about the worst thing they could have put there. She said, "*It's better than a bar*". Interesting example.

Before I could stop myself, a slight scoff escaped my lips. But I shut up before turning it into a fight. I've saved the fight for here.

She prefers a kinderprison because her religious beliefs tell her that alcohol is *the worst thing ever*. It might even lead to dancing or sex. She's ignorant of the realities, preferring her insulated prejudices. If it's something other than attending church, it's sinful (I exaggerate only slightly). Never mind that government schools (in many places) are a prime factor in getting young people to reject religions other than Statism. She ignores that reality, too. She wants both of her religions at the same time.

Yes, too much alcohol can be bad. It can cause archation and other poor choices. It can ruin your health or kill you, but it's not the only thing which can.

I've spent some of the best times of my life in bars, drinking Dr Pepper and singing karaoke. I avoided fights. I've enjoyed some nice dances. And yes, I've found some sexual partners, too. Only *one* of those was a real mistake. That's a better track record than my experience at school.

But, by even her own professed (though unexamined) standards, a school is no better.

The inmates in kinderprison find sex partners. They have dances. They help each other obtain alcohol and other mind-altering substances. They get into fights, and they engage in (or suffer) bullying- an activity almost *exclusive* to schools. They engage in almost all the same activities a bar would offer, plus some bad activities you won't find at a bar.

But what about the institutions themselves?

No one is forced to go to a bar.

Refuse to attend a school and you or your parents may end up in jail (or worse).

No one is forced to fund a bar against their own free will, even if they dislike bars as much as she does.

No matter how much you hate government schools, you are forced to help fund them. Even if you have no kids attending them. Even if you choose (*and pay for*) alternatives; you'll just be forced to pay twice. If you refuse to comply you *will* be murdered.

If you choose to go to a bar you won't be forced to drink. You won't be forced to dance, sing, or go home with a stranger. You can almost always avoid any fight that comes your way... if you choose to do so.

If you are forced to go to a school you will also be forced to ingest the government-supremacist propaganda. You WILL be subjected to brainwashing techniques to cause you to accept ordering your life to the ringing of a bell. Waiting for permission to use the restroom. Your time away from school will also be claimed as belonging to the school, through "homework" and other controls. You will be trained to believe answers come from "authority", and compliance is the way to avoid punishment. You will be taught lies sold as facts. That's mental abuse, and emotional abuse. You will be damaged in some way.

If you live next to a bar, you will possibly have drunk people crossing your lawn. They might pass out or puke in your grass. They might do property damage.

I live next to a kinderprison and I have kids crossing my yard every day; dropping litter, damaging plants and landscaping. I've had kids puke in my yard as they cross. They ignore my "No Trespassing sign"- someone actually destroyed a sapling right beside the sign a few weeks ago.

Opposing a school is seen as anti-social when the schools *themselves* are anti-social institutions.

No, a bar would be much better than a government school. In almost every way.

A bar is ethically superior to a school because bars are voluntary and schools are not. That's the bottom line. Bars are voluntary; schools are murder.

Give me a bar over a school any day!