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Look Who's Teaching Our Children

The annual resolutions passed by the National Education Association (NEA) have just been published and they are very revealing. They were approved in July in Washington, D.C. by the nearly 9,000 delegates who attended the annual convention of this largest and most powerful teachers' union.

The NEA is adamantly opposed to the concept that parents should have the right to choose the public school to which they send their children. The NEA opposes all "such federally or state-mandated choice or parental option plans."

Of course, the NEA opposes all federal and state legislation to provide tuition tax credits or vouchers usable in private schools. The NEA calls such choice options "deleterious" and "detrimental" and even wants federal legislation to prohibit such plans.

The NEA is so vindictive about private schools that it even opposes the renting or selling of closed public school buildings to any private schools. The NEA is frank about its reason: it wants to keep out of the community any institution "in direct competition with public schools."

The NEA obviously hates and feels threatened by homeschoolers, stating in a resolution that "homeschooling programs cannot provide the student with a comprehensive education experience." The NEA wants homeschooling to be permitted only by "persons who are licensed by the appropriate state education licensure agency" and who use "a curriculum approved by the state department of education."

The NEA wants to get children into the public schools at an earlier and earlier age. The NEA wants the federal government to fund and mandate early childhood programs in the public schools (that means 3-and-4-year-olds) which would "culminate in mandatory kindergarten with compulsory attendance."

The NEA wants the public schools to provide every pupil with health, social and psychological services on a "direct and confidential" basis (which means without parental consent). This should include, according to the NEA resolutions, "comprehensive, school-based, community-funded student health care clinics"

which provide diagnosis, treatment, birth-control methods, and instruction in their use.

The NEA wants the schools to “assume an advocacy role” for students in working for these objectives. The NEA wants before and after school programs in order to keep the children in school for a very long day.

The NEA says that “guidance and counseling services should be integrated into the entire education system, beginning at the prekindergarten level.” This counseling, according to NEA resolutions, specifically should include homosexual counseling.

The NEA wants the public schools to teach sex courses to every child, including birth control, “diversity of sexual orientation,” and incest. Emphasizing that this should be done with or without parental consent at every age, the NEA asserts that “it is the right of every individual to live in an environment of freely available information, knowledge, and wisdom about sexuality.”

The NEA resolutions favor loading up the public school curriculum with all sorts of psychological courses to replace academic ones. Specifically, the NEA wants public school students to be given courses on stress, suicide, conflict, environmental issues, and nuclear war.

The NEA is a big supporter of loading up the academic curriculum with global education, now called “multicultural/global education.” The NEA is candid in explaining that the purpose of this global ed is to impose on students the particular ideology of America’s “interdependency” with other nations and the scarcity of the world’s natural resources.

The NEA resolutions demand that school personnel never be dismissed, suspended, demoted, transferred, or retired because of “sex or sexual orientation.” The NEA also urges “affirmative action plans and procedures that will encourage active recruitment and employment of women, minorities, and men in underrepresented education categories.”

The NEA vigorously opposes the testing of school personnel for drugs, alcohol or AIDS. The NEA demands that school personnel with AIDS “shall not be fired, nonrenewed, suspended, transferred, or subjected to any other adverse employment action.”

The NEA wants socialized medicine. The NEA calls for “a national health care insurance plan supported and funded by the U.S. Congress.”

The NEA endorses the “use of nonsexist language by all schools.” That means teachers and students must use such a clumsy perversions of the English language as he/she and chairperson.

If you do not share these NEA views, then you had better look into what is being taught in your local school because the union that runs the public schools is teaching its values to your children.