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Common Core is nothing but a cash cow. It is nothing but corporate interests behind this monster. Look at the standards, most of them we have already always been doing in schools, but now we have to pay for them? Common core makes a market, and sadly for us, it's working in many areas- siphoning more \$ away from the people and into the pockets of the uber-rich. I hope more Americans wake up to the monopolization we are living under... if it's moving, but not a market, the elite types want it. Furthermore, my children's education shouldn't be crumbling because the country and big corporations well has run dry.

There's plenty of history in America over how public education can be made to work. You go back and you find public education began to decline as more and more of it began to be taken over by federal bureaucrats, who began using the curriculum as a way of inculcating or propagandizing liberalism as the curriculum, multiculturalism. And here comes Bill Gates in the midst of the mess saying, "I have the solution." He comes in with a lot of big money, and, lo and behold, everybody signed on to it.

I confess that I once believed in the value of national standards. The experience of Common Core has proven that national standards are a waste of time and money, that we will best improve education by improving the conditions of teaching and learning and by reducing poverty and segregation. These are hard but achievable goals. They will change the lives of children across the nation for the better. National standards and tests might be imposed, but even if they were, they would do nothing to improve the lives of children or communities or our society.