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### Stupefying Generation

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I used the verb “stupefying” to describe a long process in our nation’s schools that has produced several generations of Americans, dumbed down and resulting in more than half who are functionally illiterate, nor can do math, and, as a recent headline reported “Student’s Results in Social Studies Stagnate.”

“U.S. middle-school students’ performance on social studies didn’t improve much between 2010 and 2014, federal test scores released Wednesday (April 29) show, underscoring concerns about the uniformed citizenry and workforce.”

When it comes to U.S. history, the share of students scoring at or above proficiency last year was 18%, up one percentage point from 2010.

In other words, over 80% failed to have a grasp on the subject, critical to every citizen’s understanding of U.S. history, its Constitution, and governance.

An extraordinary new book by Samuel Blumenfeld and Alex Newman, “Crimes of the Educators: How Utopians are Using Government Schools to Destroy America’s Children” (\$26.95, WND Books) should be the center of conversation for a nation’s media, but I suspect this may be among the few places you would learn about it.

Blumenfeld has written ten books on education and Newman is an international journalist, educator and consultant.

What history does teach us is that progressives, also known as communists,

have slaughtered millions in their quest to create the perfect society where everybody earns the same amount, thus abandoning them to equal poverty.

To achieve this, it was necessary to exercise complete control over what the children learned and what the media shared as news.

Blumenfeld notes that “In the United States the socialist utopians adopted a new and unique method of conquering a nation; by dumbing down its people, by destroying the brainpower of millions of its citizens.”

This was launched in 1898 by John Dewey, a socialist, and outlined in his essay titled ‘The Primary-Education Fetich.’

“In it he showed his fellow progressives how to transform America into a collectivist utopia by taking over the public schools and destroying the literacy of millions of Americans.”

“The plan has been so successfully implemented that it is now a fact that half of America’s adult population are functionally illiterate. They can’t read their nation’s Constitution or its Declaration of Independence. They can’t even read their high school diploma.”

This was achieved by changing how children are taught to read in our government schools.

- Previously the method was phonetics in which children learned the alphabet, the sounds the letters represented, and how in combination they composed words.
- The present method is called “whole word” in which the child must recognize the whole word without identifying its alphabetical elements.
- “That forces children to read English as if it were Chinese,” says Blumenfeld.

He notes that most teachers are unaware of what they are doing and most parents trust the public schools that are supposed to represent the cherished values of our democratic republic.

“But the unhappy truth is that today’s public schools have rejected the values of the Founding Fathers and adopted values from nineteenth-century European social utopian plans that completely contradict our own concepts of individual freedom.”

Blumenfeld also identifies a fact that is hidden in the growing numbers of people who having passed through our schools or attending experience dyslexia and learning disabilities. Brain scans have demonstrated this.

Our schools are places where the answer to the normal child's energy and curiosity is deemed being "over-active" and our schools "push various psychiatric drugs on millions of children by requiring them to take such powerful, mind-altering stimulants as Ritalin or Adderall to alleviate such school-induced disorders as attention deficit disorder (ADD) and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

These drugs are as potent as cocaine and have even caused sudden death among teen athletes.

**"The long-term utopian plan required destroying America's political, social, and moral culture of religious freedom, individual rights, unobtrusive government, and high literacy for all."**

**That is a virtual definition of what has occurred in America today.**

**We see it in the attack on religion, particularly Christianity, in America.**

**We see it in the attack on traditional marriage in the name of the homosexual objective of "same-sex marriage."**

**We see individual businesses attacked for not wanting to give up their spiritual values and beliefs when challenged by homosexuals.**

**We see it in the vast growth in the numbers of single mothers, often never married.**

**And, of late, we see it in the obscene hatred being directed against our nation's police forces.**

The statistics cited in "Crimes of the Educators" have been published by Jeb Bush's Foundation for Excellence in Education and they include:

Eighty-one percent of American 18-year-olds are unprepared for college coursework.

More than 25 percent of students fail to graduate from high school in four years; for African-American and Hispanic students, this number is approaching 40 percent.

Seventy percent of those in prison and 70 percent of those on welfare read at the lowest literacy levels according to the 1992 National Adult Literacy Survey.

According to tests in 2012 given to 15-year-olds by the Organization for Economic Cooperation & Development, U.S. students were at 17th place in the