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Two topics head my list
in importance, "Public Education
& the "War on Drugs".

I'd like to refer C - Span
to a book by Joseph D. Douglas
Jr. titled "Red Cocaine" The
author is available for speaking.
The author questions why our
government has been dragging
its feet and why we haven't
gone after the money launderers.
Is the "War on Drugs" Serious?

Public education is one
fight I took on in the 60's &
70's. My husband (now deceased)
and I were two of six parents
who went to the appellate Court
of New York State to retain
"special progress" classes in the
public schools. We parents were
pitted against the NAACP who
had endless tax dollars for

IV litigation. The court hearing did not have the welfare of students in mind. It was only concerned with requirements for "Special Progress" being unfair to minorities. Of course the outcome was predetermined and ^{we} the parents lost.

To-day the rhetoric is much the same, by the same entrenched bureaucracy, the difference being the students are the offspring, & the parents of the 60's as are the teachers. This 60's + 70's mediocre mentality permeates every facet of life, business, industry, politics, religion and communications. This same tired philosophy is not the catalyst for change, it is politics as usual.

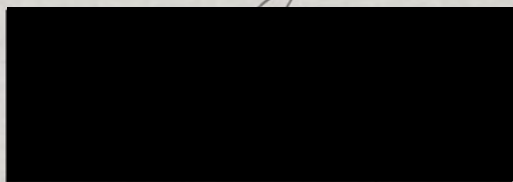
I laugh when I hear the call to parents to get involved. Parents who care about their children's future opt out of public education.

II. The ^{whole} breakdown of our society can be laid on the doorstep of the professional educators.

The "Child Seducers" by John Steinbacher (1971) is a true portrait of the situation ^{existing} in public education to-day.

The magazine "Chronicles" October 1990 addresses the problems the American family is facing and it's not very hopeful of solution.

Sincerely



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