

## Proponent Testimony HB176

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My name is Jack Kangas and I am a 9<sup>th</sup> grader from Maineville, Ohio. I am homeschooled now, but I attended public school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. I do attend a tutoring program that looks a lot like a school two days a week. I get dropped off at 8am and picked up at 3pm and I take classes in all the regular stuff like Math and Science and Latin and English and History.

I am also a Boy Scout. One of my best friends is in my patrol and his name is Ishaan. Ishaan goes to public school. When our troop goes on backpacking trips we spend a hour or two in a car getting there so we have lots of time to talk. Ishaan told me little while ago about his English essay. The question was, "Was the American Revolution truly revolutionary?"

I was taken aback. I asked him what he had been taught about the American Revolution. He said he learned the American Revolution wasn't actually revolutionary because in England the rich people were in power and after the revolution the rich people were still in power.

But that wasn't what the revolution was about at all. The American Revolution was about freedom from a tyrannical government that was destroying the basic rights of their people and the formation of a new government that would protect those rights.

What shocked me most was the emphasis on class division. Every dictator, every tyrant, every Marxist/ communist /socialist government in history has stressed class division.

I think it is awful what my friends are being taught in public school right now.