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Opponent testimony

I do not understand the State of Ohio's selective criteria for applying research on education and positive education outcomes. You ignore study after study that says that homework doesn't work, that comprehensive sex education lowers teen pregnancy rates, teen STD rates, and teen abortion rates, that small class size is absolutely necessary, that a variety of teaching approaches leads to better outcomes, that recess is absolutely necessary up through middle school, that later start times lead to better outcomes. But then you will choose to follow research that says you have to marry before having kids in order to avoid poverty.

Stop indoctrinating marriage, and go back to teaching Comprehensive Sex Ed. That will solve more problems than creating an indoctrination program that pressures kids into marriage. Marriage is not for everyone, and the fact that a single parent can't survive without ending up living in poverty is an indictment against our society, not a person's decision to or not to have children.

Stop wasting money on programs like this, and mandate Comprehensive Sex Ed, fund Paid Parental Leave, Paid Childcare, Professional Mother/Father's stipend. You are pawning off our government's failures (State and Federal) on to our children to deal with, and that is unconscionable.

Stop picking and choosing the research you wish to follow based on your political motivations.

Thank you,

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