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What is it about today's school system that so many find unsatisfactory? Why have so many generations of reformers failed to improve the educational system, and, indeed, caused it to degenerate further and further into an ever declining level of mediocrity?

In this radical and scholarly monograph, out of print for two decades and restored according to the author's original, Murray N. Rothbard identifies the crucial feature of our educational system that dooms it to fail: at every level, from financing to attendance, the system relies on compulsion instead of voluntary consent.

Certain consequences follow. The curriculum is politicized to reflect the ideological priorities of the regime in power. Standards are continually dumbed down to accommodate the least common denominator. The brightest children are not permitted to achieve their potential, the special- needs of individual children are neglected, and the mid-level learners become little more than cogs in a machine. The teachers themselves are hamstrung by a political apparatus that watches their every move.

Rothbard explores the history of compulsory schooling to show that none of this is accident. The state has long used compulsory schooling, backed by egalitarian ideology, as a means of citizen control. In contrast, a market-based system of schools would adhere to a purely voluntary ethic, financed with private funds, and administered entirely by private enterprise.

An interesting feature of this book is its promotion of individual, or home, schooling, long before the current popularity of the practice.

As Kevin Ryan of Boston University points out in the introduction, if education reform is ever to bring about fundamental change, it will have to begin with a complete rethinking of public schooling that Rothbard offers here.

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## 评论

extensive yet elucidating.

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看完第一张，逻辑清晰，但我并不认同作者的一些观点，如果政府对教育什么都不做，那么家庭教育差的学生将会在未来失去竞争力，并且这将会传到下一代

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help thinking outside the box~~ If each person has equal defense against violence, this "equality before the law" will permit him to maximize his potentialities.

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从分散的家庭和私立教育到大规模的公立教育是有历史背景的，但是公立教育在什么阶段，多大程度上是合适的则是需要不断地反思。

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写作上还是可以学习一些的，文笔毕竟不差

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