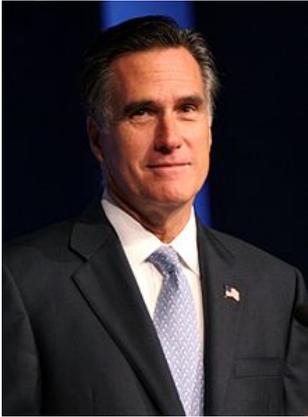


**Presidential Candidate Mitt Romney Warns of the Dangers of Common Core, Federal Education “Promoting an Agenda”:** Romney was at the Education National Summit in New York on September 26, 2012, where he was asked by reporter Brian Williams, “Governor, what do you make of Common Core?” Romney gave the following answer:



*You know, I think it's fine for people to lay out what they think core subjects might be and to suggest a pedagogy and being able to provide that learning to our kids. I don't subscribe to the idea of the federal government trying to push a common core on various states.*

*It's one thing to put it out as a model and let people adopt it as they will, but to financially reward states based upon accepting the federal government's idea of a curriculum, I think, is a mistake.*

***And the reason I say that is - that there may be a time when the government has an agenda that it wants to promote.***

*And I'm not wild about the federal government having some kind of agenda that it then compensates states to teach their kids. I'd rather let education and what is taught state by state be determined state by state, not by the federal government.<sup>i</sup>*

**Does the Government Already Have an Agenda it wants to Promote Through our Public Schools?** Romney is very astute in pointing out the most important objection to a national, top-down, education system curriculum and standards being pushed on the states – it is too easy then to use schools as a means for indoctrination “to promote an agenda.”

There are many of us who, having watched Obama in action during his first term, do believe that there is already an agenda going on. Obama and his cabinet and leaders in Congress are promoting the agenda of socialism — top-down, big government, national take over and control of first mortgage companies, banks, the auto industry, health care, student loans, and now, through Common Core, the entire education system.

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