

Education Is A Right, Not a Privilege

Education should be a right not a privilege but young people are finding access to quality education increasingly difficult. Local school boards, state legislatures, and Congress continue to slash funding for public education and promote privatization policies that put public funding and control of education in the hands of private corporations. By turning a public good into a source of profit, corporations are able to limit access to quality education and curb the rights of school-based workers to join and form unions.

Universities continue to raise tuition at exponential rates while the federal government slashes grant based financial aid. The Bush Administration's blatant disregard for education pits funding for schools against funding for war.

- Bush cut out funding for Gear Up, Upward Bound and other education programs
- No Child Left Behind has taken money out of our most struggling schools
- The ultra right continuously pushes for public school privatization

With a stronger Democratic majority in Congress and a Democratic president we could struggle for:

- An increase in funding for public education and an education bill that is better than No Child Left Behind
- Reprioritize money currently going to war to come back to students in the form of grants for higher education and more state funding to lower tuition and money for our public schools
- The reauthorization of the Higher Education Act

But none of this can be accomplished without first defeating the ultra-right agenda.

McCain doesn't support a bill in Congress that modifies the GI Bill to give increased educational funding for Iraq War Veterans. Instead, he introduced his own cheaper version that leaves many soldiers behind. If he doesn't provide access to education for Veterans, what do you think he will do for everyone else?

It is our lives at stake.

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THE 2008 ELECTIONS OFFER US AN OPPORTUNITY TO RECLAIM EDUCATION!

**On November 4th,
say NO to the Ultra-right!**

Youth demand a future, and we demand it right now.