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Homeschool is chosen by many, because the families involved 1) have seen the quality of education drop sharply over recent decades, and 2) they reject the political viewpoints being pushed into children. I believe these two points are intertwined. You may disagree with my points entirely, but as a parent of school aged children, and a life long learner myself, I am far beyond being dissuaded at this point. Free discourse is important. An exposure to many views is healthy. But schools are not offering many views. They are pushing a far-left, globalist echo chambers now where well reasoned views are no longer permitted. So many of the teachers we have spoken to seem to support Marxist viewpoints. This may be desirable for a far-left government, but not all citizens support this. We homeschooled our children briefly due to Covid restrictions by the schools. The mandates and requirements were unacceptable. The curriculum we were able to produce was actually a massive improvement on what the schools were offering our daughters. They were both impressed with the depth we could offer them. Both of our children have commented on the level of education they get from school, compared to what we were offering when homeschooling. Not to mention, they are both disturbed by the "woke" ideological framing of every event. Please do not attempt to erode the ability for homeschooling to offer a non-politically influenced education. Parents are tired of this, and you may be surprised to hear that many students also reject the globalist, woke ideologies. Fortunately for us, our children can still see with their own eyes, and hear with their own ears. Put simply, homeschooling is seen as preferable by many as many parents can offer a better education and environment for their children, without interference from government and the influences and agendas they push, which have no place in the education process.