Department of Education Slams Podcast Labeling Homeschooling ‘Crazy Christian Problem’

The Department of Education slammed progressive podcasters after they called homeschooling a “crazy Christian problem.”

“Homeschoolers, like the winner of the Presidential 1776 Award, have demonstrated their ability to succeed at the highest level time and time again. The proven value of homeschooling should never be dismissed as ‘trickle-down stupidity.’ The only thing that is stupid is your ignorance,” the Department wrote on social media. The comment was a response to a report on “I’ve Had It” co-hosts Jennifer Welch and Angie Sullivan condemning homeschooling.

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Callers to the podcast objected to “morons attempting to homeschool their children” when they “probably shouldn’t have even had children to start with.”

“I just think homeschooling is a bad idea, from soup to nuts,”

Sullivan said. She added that she believes it's "weird" that a parent would want "kids around you all day, every day and all night. And just the socialization."

"For me personally, it was that I would have gotten up on my hands and knees and strapped them to my back and crawled to get them to school every day just to get them where I wasn't," she said. "So, I don't trust somebody that wants to be with their kids 24/7. I think a lot of dumb people do it because it's just easier. And that's a concern."

"This is trickle-down stupidity. This is MAGA on steroids. This is MAHA. This is tradwife. This is unvaxxed and unjacked and all that [expletive]. This is the worst, worst, worst," Welch commented. She went on to say homeschooling is part of the nation's "fundamental crazy Christian problem" and said the means of education is "such a selfish thing for parents to do."

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"I think it's selfish for parents to push a religion on a child and make them believe just one before they're old enough to hear about all of them or none of them and decide for themselves," Welch said. "I think it's all child abuse, honestly."

According to a 2025 study's findings, long-term homeschoolers had the greatest levels of "optimism, gratitude, and life satisfaction" and were the least likely to "feel helpless" when navigating difficult situations.

Those who were homeschooled were also more likely to believe in God and regularly engage in religious practice. 56% of short-term homeschoolers shared a belief in God, as did 61% of medium-term homeschoolers and 72% of long-term homeschoolers. 41% of those who were never homeschooled shared a belief in

God, according to the study.

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