

• CONGRESSIONAL WORKSHOP •
Topic # 12
Repeal “No Child Left Behind” Law?

Overview

Questions to ponder: Is it a matter of scrapping the program or trying to fix it? Is the program flawed or maybe is there not enough federal funding to carry out the mandates? Since perfection can never be reached, shouldn't we constantly be looking for educational improvement as this law calls for? Is the problem one of partisan politics rather than educational philosophy? Is adequate yearly progress (AYP) even possible under mandates of NCLB?

Background references

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- <http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/reports/no-child-left-behind.html>
- <http://www.nea.org/esea/index.html>
- <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/nclb/faqs/>
- http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/No_Child_Left_Behind

Citations supporting the affirmative

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Citations supporting the negative

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- Time, June 4, 2007, “How to Fix No Child Left Behind”