

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP)

The purpose of the NAEP is to track the states in their implementation of the federal curriculum. *No Child Left Behind* was passed into federal law. All states are required to administer the NAEP in order to receive federal education money.

Two-thirds of the NAEP questions involve personal, family and classroom information and habits. Of the remaining third, many of the questions measure students' personal opinions and assess viewpoints that many would disagree with or find objectionable. Only a few questions measure genuine academic knowledge. NAEP questions are not available for the public to scrutinize, critique or publicly discuss. **The new *No Child Left Behind* law made public review of the NAEP questions a felony offense. In this way, specific content of the NAEP remains shrouded in secrecy.**

The NAEP is not administered to all students. It is given to a scientific sampling of students in every state. **Both public and non-public schools are involved in the NAEP.**

Students are not required to take the NAEP. As a result of public objection to the NAEP, parents must now be informed that their child has been chosen to take the test, and they may refuse to allow their child to participate. Scientific sampling is a highly accurate measure of the status of the federal curriculum. **When students refuse to take the NAEP, however, its accuracy and usefulness are undermined.**

Number of Times Key Terms are Used in the NAEP

Terms Relating to American Government	0
Terms Relating to any aspect of geography	0
Terms Relating to any aspect of history	0
Terms Relating to environmentalism	14
Terms relating to multiculturalism	18
Terms relating to vocationalism	39

Number of Times Specific Terms are used in the NAEP

Terms Relating to environmentalism	
“Spider’s web”	1
“Mother Earth”	2
“The Devil”	10
“Problems on this planet”	1
Total	14

Terms relating to multiculturalism	
“Black elk”	3
“Ogalala Sioux”	6
“Lakota holy man”	1
“Drinks Water”	2
“Lakota”	6
Total	18

Terms relating to vocationalism	
“Assets”	4
“Liabilities”	5
“Profit”	4
“Capital investment”	7
“Money”	1
“Expenses”	5
“Microchip”	13
Total	39

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