

"...liberty of conscience hereby secured..."

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SCHOLARSHIP, CHARACTER, HUMANITY

AGENDA

- Introduction for Future Conversations
- Highlight Major Concerns – I believe there is something desperately lacking in our:
Kids, Community, Country, Culture
- Facts About AZ Education and Funding
- Additional Sources for Self Study

TRUTH

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

The Declaration of Independence and U.S. Constitution Cannot Be Separated

WE HOLD THESE

TRUTHS to be (eternal truths)

SELF-EVIDENT, that (so true, so easy, so basic, everyone understood)

All MEN are (inherent and applicable to all humans of every nation, religion, race and ethnicity, for all time)

CREATED EQUAL, that they are (recognizing that we all were created in the image of God)

ENDOWED by their (irrevocable and requires no defense – no debate, for all time)

CREATOR with certain (there is a creator, God)

UNALIENABLE (can never be changed or taken away by men)

RIGHTS, that (God-given and each one may be held and enjoyed at no expense or loss to any other, not debatable)

AMONG these are, (there are more, the rest are found in the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights)

LIFE

LIBERTY (free-will, freedom from restraint)

PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS (Originally written as Property, - Thomas Jefferson and the Founders changed this because they feared if they said Property the South would claim that “our slaves are property”. This change took place in order to protect and release the slaves in the future)

THAT TO SECURE THESE RIGHTS, GOVERNMENTS ARE INSTITUTED AMONG MEN, (the only reason the States formed our Federal Government was to SECURE these rights and those enumerated in the Constitution)

DERIVING THEIR JUST POWERS FROM THE CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED. (consent from We The People)

KIDS

Crisis

Suffering

Lonely

Anxious

Insecure

Over Stimulated

Sleep Deprived

Depressed

Suicidal

COMMUNITY

- Our neighbors are in crisis
- 1828 Webster's Dictionary - A society of people, having common rights and privileges, or common interests, civil, political or ecclesiastical (relating to the church); or living under the same laws and regulations. This word may signify a commonwealth or state, a body politic, or a particular society or order of men within a state, as a *community* of monks; and it is often used for the public or people in general, without very definite limits.
- 2017 Merriam-Webster Dictionary- a unified body of individuals: such as a: state, commonwealth b: the people with common interests living in a particular area

COUNTRY

SPHERE SOVEREIGNTY



COUNTRY

Most elected officials are ignorant of:

Nature's Law and God's Law

- Independent laws for God's Sovereign Spheres

The genealogy of our U.S. Constitution

- 1100 Charter of liberties
- 1215 Magna Carta
- 1628 Petition of Rights
- 1641 Grand Remonstrance
- 1689 English Bill of Rights

Organic U.S. Law

- 1776 Declaration of Independence
- 1776 Articles of Confederation
- 1787 Northwest Ordinance
- 1789 U.S. Constitution

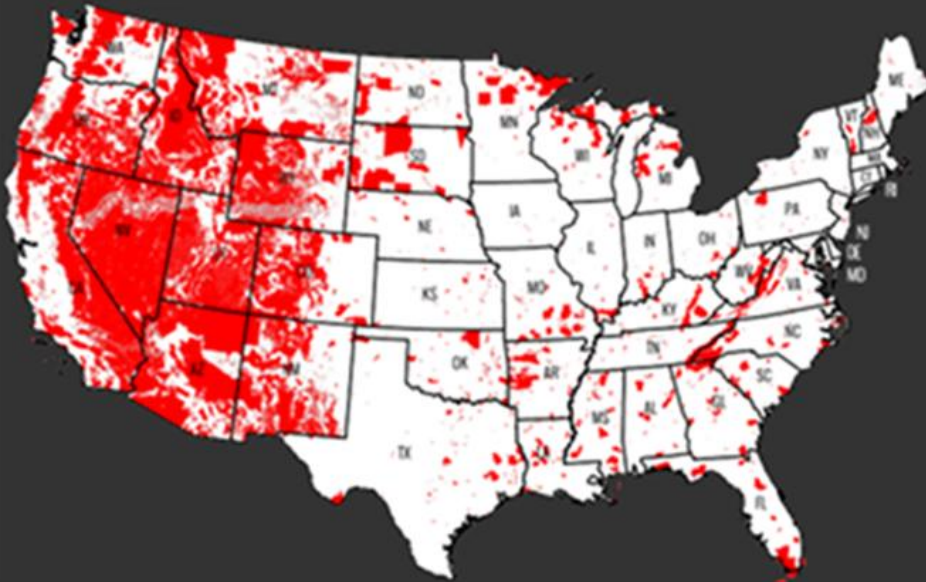
CULTURE

Has replaced:

- God with Moral Relativism
- Liberty with Tyranny
- Truth with Tolerance
- E Pluribus Unum with Diversity Programs
- Republic with Democracy
- Education with Schooling (government control)

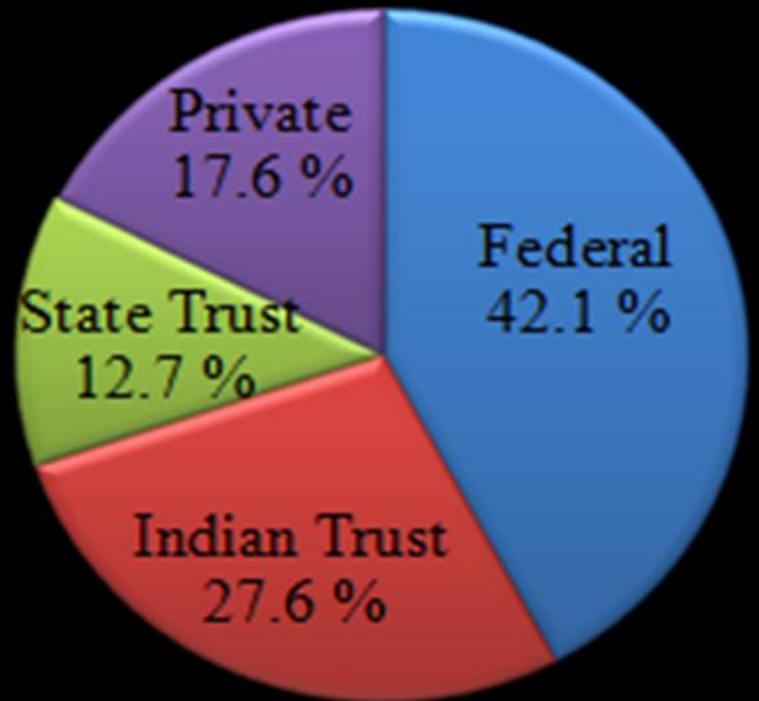
STATE SOVEREIGNTY

FEDERALLY CONTROLLED LAND



1912 Enabling Act: By Act of Congress... declared, proclaimed, ratified, accepted, and entitled State of Arizona admission into the Union on an equal footing with the Original States. WM H Taft 2/14/12

ARIZONA LAND CONTROL



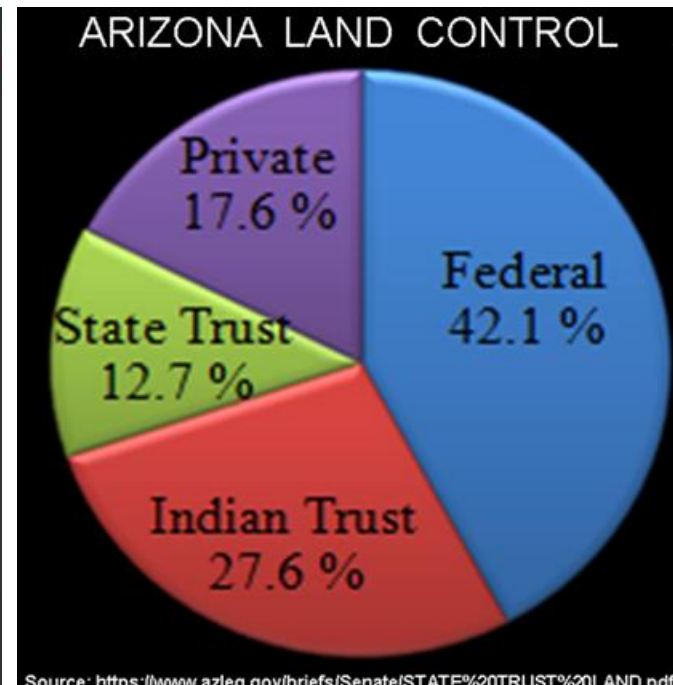
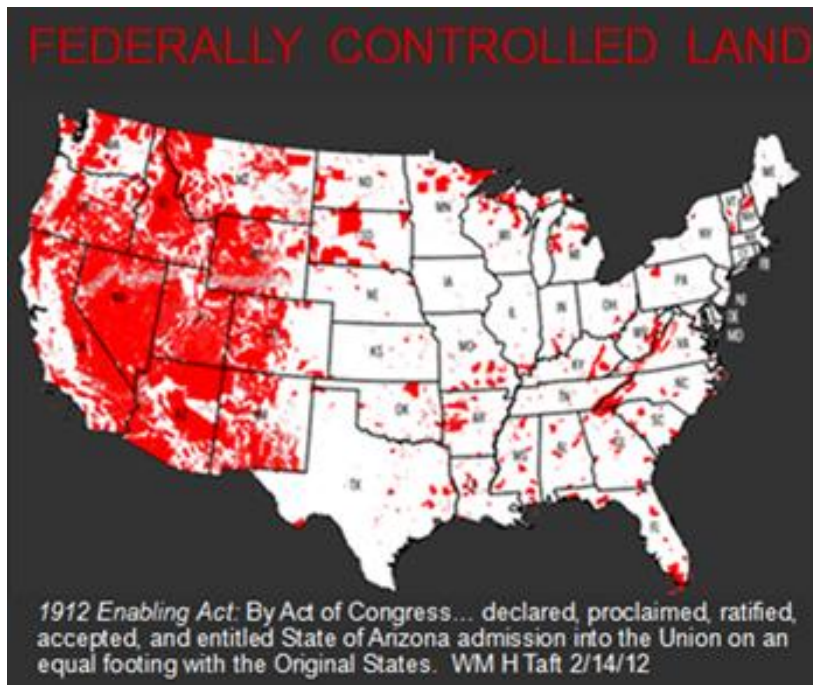
Source: <https://www.azleg.gov/briefs/Senate/STATE%20TRUST%20LAND.pdf>

FUNDING PROBLEM

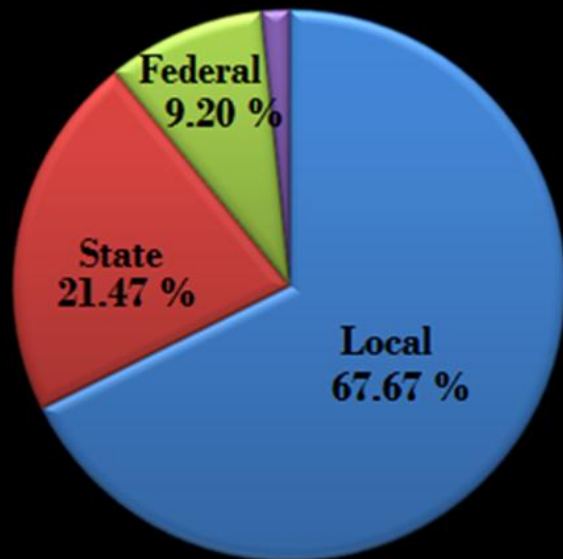
Arizona Rankings Nationwide

- #2 Student growth - 63.04% increase since 1992 with projected increases at 5% annually
- #9 Increased per pupil spending -172.5% since 1992
- #11 Population under 18 - 24.4%
- #12 Population over 65 - 15.4%
- #28 Indexed teacher pay - \$46,026/125.67% (US average - 133%)
- #49 Population between 18-64 - 60.2% represents the engine of our state tax base
- #49 Per pupil spending - \$7528 (2014 Census Bureau ranking K-12 general fund expenditure)

Source: http://www.arizonatax.org/sites/default/files/publications/special_reports/file/breaking_down_k-12_stats_v2_0.pdf



LHUSD FUNDING



- 1 Local (Property Taxes) \$ 29,148,633
- 2 State (Sales Tax & Personal/Corporate Income Tax) \$ 9,249,467
- 3 Federal (Formula Based/Competitive Grants) \$ 3,964,524
- 4 County - \$ 714,643 (1.66%)

Source: <http://www.azed.gov/superintendent/files/2016/01/safr-2015-volume-ii.pdf>

EDUCATION

- AZMerit and A-F Grades do not measure “Excellence in Education”
- “I shall be satisfied with the very best” – Winston Churchill
- Education is a moral enterprise with the original intent to transfer knowledge and prepare our minds with cultural, moral, and civic literacy, in order to be productive and joyful citizens who can preserve our Republic

EDUCATION

- **Arizona Constitution Preamble - We the people of the State of Arizona, grateful to Almighty God for our liberties, do ordain this Constitution**
- **Article 11, Section 7: ...but the liberty of conscience hereby secured shall not be so construed as to justify practices or conduct inconsistent with the good order, peace, morality, or safety of the state, or with the rights of others**
- **Governor Ducey “We can learn from others, but at the end of the day the standards need to come from Arizona and they need to help us achieve our objectives”**
- **Legislature – A.R.S. Title 15**
- **Arizona State Board of Education Mission: To aggressively set policies that foster excellence in public education**

THANK YOU

To my grandmother Jeanne Bradford
who has purchased one copy of
Passion Driven Education by Connor Boyack
for every LHUSD#1 employee
and
30 sets of Tuttle Twins for our schools

SELF STUDY

- Arizona Education Politics from Territory – 1974
<http://files.eric.ed.gov/fulltext/ED114975.pdf>
- Arizona Constitution - Arizona Constitution - <https://www.azleg.gov/Constitution.asp>
- Arizona Revised Statute, Title 15 - <https://www.azleg.gov/arsDetail/?title=15>
- Connor Boyak, Libertas Institute - <https://libertasutah.org/>
- Hillsdale College – free online course - http://lp.hillsdale.edu/constitution-101-signup-3-ppc/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc&utm_campaign=con101&appeal_code=MK617PP10
- iGen – Why today’s Super Connected Kids Are Growing Up Less Rebellious, More Tolerant, Less Happy – and Completely Unprepared for Adulthood by Jean M. Twenge, PhD