

# WHY SO MUCH HIGH-STAKES STANDARDIZED TESTING?

**B**ig money is turning public schools into test-prep centers. Why? To control teachers. To prevent teachers from raising the expectations of working class children (failure rates are built into the design of MCAS (ckollars.org/mcas.html) and scores are highly correlated with family income.) To prevent teachers from doing the very thing they became teachers to do in the first place. And to make our children blame themselves, instead of the wrongful inequality of our social system, for the low-paying jobs or unemployment that await them.



The Big Problem that causes this abuse of our children and countless similar wrongs is this: We live under a dictatorship of the rich. It requires a Big Solution—a revolution to remove the rich from power and shape society by the values of equality, democracy and solidarity (helping each other). We are hopeful that this is possible because we know\* most Americans already share these values and want such a revolution. Please visit our web site to see how you can help make it happen.

\*75% of those who stop to read the revolutionary statement “This I Believe” in public places sign it (it’s on our website).

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