

ESEA: Its History and Future



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Why is history so important?



“The causes of events are ever more interesting than the events themselves.”

Marcus Tullius Cicero



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Factors that have shaped the federal role



- National security and defense
- Failure of the states to act
- International economic competitiveness
– the economy



National Security & Defense



- Smith-Hughes Act
- Impact Aid – WW II and Korea
- National Defense Education Act



Race and Civil Rights



- Brown v. Board of Education – 1954
- Civil Rights Act – 1964
- Issues of busing
- No Child Left Behind



Civil Rights



- Title IX -1972
- IDEA – 1975
- NCLB



Failure of states to act



- Many federal actions have been triggered by states not meeting needs
 - Voc Ed
 - Title I
 - IDEA
 - Gifted
 - NCLB
 - RttT



Forces Affecting Future Policy



- Federalism issues
- Education as a civil right
- Second chance options remain
- Free markets
- Centralization v. flexibility
- Role of scientifically-based evidence

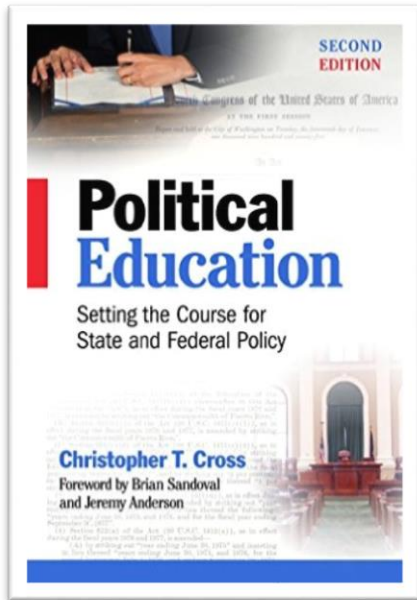


Some Observations



- The importance of “They made me do it!”
- Need to do away with “Siloization”
- Education governance is really important
- Authority was ceded to the executive branch in DC
- Relationships are very important





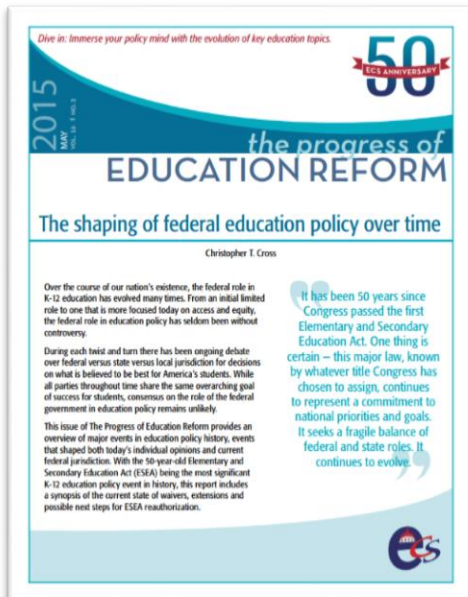
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