

Schools should be free to choose staff who support their beliefs.

I think faith-based schools ought be able to select staff who agree with their beliefs. Same as one would not expect a political party to be forced to employ someone who was a supporter of a party with opposing views.

The current system has worked for many decades. Why change it?
I presume the reason is idealistic, by people with whom I would vehemently disagree.

And therein lies the issue - freedom of choice: Am I able to raise my kids the way I think best? Or, as in "1984", does "big brother" government know best?

Some say: why should the taxpayer support religious schools? Because parents of such children pay tax. (Actually, I'd guess that they pay *more* tax proportionally)

In fact, I support the idea that government allot a set amount per child for schooling, & let parents choose the school.

I reckon that if this were done, many more kids would move to religious schools.
...as parents want freedom of choice.

(I accept that financial issues need to be considered here, but this is beyond the scope of my contention here. But witness that many "hard-up" people do send their kids to religious schools, in spite of cost! Consider why.)

I want my kids to learn in an atmosphere conducive to maintenance of high standards & respect for truth. Not according to government's latest fads.

Many think religion is indoctrination, & secular society is not. I vehemently disagree. Government policy seems to be becoming more anti-religious, so policies tend towards indoctrination in a direction I would oppose.

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As a medical doctor, I see people every day who have made choices that have health consequences. Sometimes I'm not for the choices my patients make, but I absolutely support their right to choose how they wish to live their lives.

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