

Decolonizing Stand for Children The irony of Stand's CARE project

Part II

Stand for Children (SfC/Stand) started in 1996. From the perspective of this analysis with commentary, the organization made 4 major mistakes regarding its orientation when it was founded:

- 1) pushing the meme that traditional public schools are broken and need fixing <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Public-schools-are-broken-and-need-fixing.pdf>;
- 2) creating “the other” <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Without-the-other-Stand-for-Children-would-have-no-reason-to-exist.pdf>;
- 3) emphasizing closing the Achievement Gap for communities of color in high poverty areas <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/The-racial-politics-of-the-Achievement-Gap.pdf>; and,
- 4) disenfranchising communities of color: <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Disenfranchising-communities-of-color-Stand-for-Childrens-anti-democracy-ploy-at-work.pdf>.

The Mind Trust recruited SfC (2011) and Teach for America (2007) to Indianapolis. A good reason for this move is that organizations like Stand are protected here in Indy and Indiana. The “redness” of this place and space keeps it from the critical deconstruction it would experience in a blue state. And, this is why SfC is only in certain cities/school districts around the country.

The point here is that Stand's critique of the current colonial US education system (e.g., schools are failing/the persistent Achievement Gap) would make some sense if it were not for its own neo-colonial practices around standardization.

Democracies do not privatize their public schools...but who does?

What is confounding is that democratic republics do not privatize their public schools. Schools in a democracy have a public purpose, not a private purpose. This purpose is to create enlightened and critically conscious citizens who can self-govern.

Now who would privatize their public schools?...a corporatocracy would! And, would the major purpose of a privatized public school system be to create workers, not citizens?

In time, we need to decolonize SfC, centering on the humanity and possibility of children of color, and dismantle prevailing discourses of coloniality that only highlight the student's otherness from whites.

But, will CARE and its elite-class advisor board members allow anti-racist concerns to disrupt Stand's coloniality, playing transformative roles of cultural, economic, and political liberators of communities of color?

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Stand Indiana 2017-2020 campaign finance information <http://vorcreatex.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Stand-for-Children-2017-2020-Indiana-campaign-finance-information.pdf>

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