Education Policy

The State of US Education

• Cross-national comparison
• US Education in crisis?
• Local control
• Growth of state role
• Interstate and intrastate disparities
• Testing, testing, testing
No Child Left Behind (and the rise of standardized testing)

- The basics/testing
- Choice
- Teacher Standards
- Flexibility
- Funding
- Student Achievement and school accountability
- What works with NCLB?
- What doesn’t work with NCLB?
Common Core to the rescue?

- Common Core basics
- About the standards
- Criticisms
- Political Controversy
- Future of Common Core?

Common Core Standards

- Teaching and Education reform
  - Teachers and educational quality
  - Teacher assessment and accountability
  - Teachers’ unions
  - So, how do we get better teachers
    - Lessons from other countries
Contemporary policy controversy: School Choice

- School choice
- Charter schools
- Vouchers

Conclusion

- Lessons from the world
- It’s not easy, but the good ideas are out there