

# The Paternal State

The "GIVE" Act Calls for Your Kids to be "Owned" by the State

**"We should be *owned*, as soldiers are by the army, and our pride would rise accordingly."** William James - *The Moral Equivalent of War*

The quote above is taken from an essay that The Corporation for National and Community Service ([www.nationalservice.org](http://www.nationalservice.org)) takes as one of its founding documents. What is the CNCS you may ask? We'll be getting to that. First let's take a gander at the latest statist scribblings come forth from the horde in Congress, the GIVE Act H.R.1388:

PART III--INNOVATIVE DEMONSTRATION SERVICE-LEARNING PROGRAMS AND RESEARCH

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(2) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE- The term youth engagement zone means the area in which a youth engagement zone program is carried out.

(3) YOUTH ENGAGEMENT ZONE PROGRAM- *The term youth engagement zone program' means a service learning program in which members of an eligible partnership described in paragraph (4) collaborate to provide coordinated school-based or community-based service learning opportunities, to address a specific community challenge, for an increasing percentage of out-of-school youth and secondary school students served by local educational agencies where--*

(A) not less than 90 percent of the students participate in service-learning activities as part of the program; or

(B) service-learning is a mandatory part of the curriculum in all of the secondary schools served by the local educational agency.

There is much more in statist scribbling, but the first question that should come to the mind of any thinking parent is, "What exactly is *service-learning*, and why should it be *mandatory* in public-statist schools?"

At the National Service Learning Clearinghouse website at [www.servicelearning.org](http://www.servicelearning.org), you can read the glossy euphemistic "What is Service Learning?" page for its glorious "Guiding Principles" and its exalted "Vision of the Organization". Or, you can dig deeper. Dig deeper, why don't you? After all, this is about the souls of your children. National Service Learning Clearinghouse is simply one of many operative appendages of The Corporation for National and Community Service. Finding its founding principles would divulge much more than the NSLC's bulleted list of glossy euphemisms.

"The mission of the Corporation for National and Community Service is to improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering." That's pretty, yes? But more importantly, look at the National Service Timeline page to begin to get into the genetics of the matter:

National Service Timeline

Read about the history of national service—from the creation of the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1933 to the launch of the President's Volunteer Service Award in 2003. This timeline provides a quick glance at key dates and milestones during the past century.

1903

The Cooperative Education Movement is founded at the University of Cincinnati.

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