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- Entire Movement started just 4 years ago
 - Began under the premise of low teacher pay
 - Lots of sympathetic support:
 - Parents
 - Media
 - Political Class
- Took less than one month to reveal true intentions:
 - Pass Radical Tax Increase
 - Move Arizona to the Left

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In May 2018 the Teachers Union and several liberal organizations launched Invest in Ed

- Ballot measure to double the state income tax
- Funded entirely by the National Education Association out of Washington DC
- **Spent \$2 million** on paid signature efforts

One major problem with the measure:

- 100 word summary on the petition was grossly misleading (i.e. they were lying to voters)
- Invest in Ed was taken to court, and the Supreme Ruled against them, removing the measure from the ballot

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Invest in Ed tried again, this time with Proposition 208

- **Spent over \$23 million** to collect signatures and pass measure with 51% of the vote
- 95% of funding came from National Education Association and Oregon based Stand for Children
- Again they lied to Voters (only taxes the wealthy, doesn't tax small business)

Just like the first measure, Prop 208 was legally flawed (and they knew it!)

- AZ Free Enterprise Club Sued
- In August 2021 Measure was struck down by AZ Supreme Court

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From Bad to Worse for Invest in ED

- Major legislative effort to undo 208 at the legislature
- AZ Free Enterprise Club, along with other coalition partners, pass a historic income tax package last year:
 - Nearly \$2 Billion in Income Tax Cuts
 - Established single tax rate of 2.5% by 2024
 - Provides for optional small business tax for pass through income

Invest in Ed Tries to Stop Tax Cuts, Fails Again:

- Referendum filed to block tax cuts
- **Spent \$5 Million** collecting signatures (out of state money again)
- AZ Free Enterprise Club sues, challenging constitutionality of referendum
- We win again—AZ Supreme Court removes referendum from ballot

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So to Recap...

- Invest in Ed had one ballot measure kicked off the ballot, another measure (Prop 208) ruled unconstitutional, AND a ballot referendum also ruled unconstitutional
- Spent over **\$30 Million dollars** on these efforts
- Watched as their plan to DOUBLE the state income tax resulted in Arizona's tax rates being cut in half!

Total Political Disaster for them, Total Win for US!

- Would not have happened without the relentless efforts of conservative organizations, taxpayers and activists throughout the state!

Education Bills – What's Passed?

HCR2039 Bowers (school district expenditures; authorization.)

Passed House 45-14-1 | Passed Senate 23-6-1

HB2161 Kaiser (parental rights; schools; educational records)

Signed by Governor 4/29

HB2616 Chaplik (mask mandates; minors; parental consent)

Signed by the Governor 4/25

SB1165 Barto (interscholastic; intramural athletics; biological sex)

Signed by Governor 3/30

Education Bills – What's Passed?

HB2498 Hoffman (COVID-19; vaccination requirements; prohibition)

Signed by the Governor 4/25

HB2439 Pingerelli (school library; review; policy)

Signed by the Governor 4/29

HB2632 Nguyen (civics test; passing score)

Signed by Governor 3/24

HB2008 Nguyen (schools; academic standards; civics instruction.)

Signed by the Governor 6/17

Education Bills – What Hasn't Passed?

SB1412 Mesnard (race; ethnicity; sex; classroom instruction)

Passed House 31-27-2 | Awaiting Conference Committee

HB2495 Hoffman (schools; sexually explicit materials; prohibition)

Passed Senate, Awaiting Final Vote in House

HB2853 Toma (Arizona empowerment scholarship accounts; appropriation)

Passed House, Awaiting vote in Senate

Education Bills – What Hasn't Passed?

HCR2001 Kaiser (racial discrimination; public education)

Awaiting Senate Vote

SB1211 Barto (materials; activities; review; posting; schools)

Failed House Vote

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