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Berkowitz v. Bowdoin

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Over at RealClearPolitics, Peter Berkowitz continues his crusade against the "sad state of liberal education" in America, looking at a new report on Bowdoin College. I am deeply sympathetic with the concerns Berkowitz raises: The modern academy is often a place where foolish fads hold sway and basic introductory courses into Western Civilization, courses that might acquaint a student with a variety of answers to the question "how did we get here?" go unaddressed. Our President is constantly telling us how important it is to open the doors of college to the next generation, and I agree, but what are we inviting them to if modern colleges put more focus on intellectual ephemera than on a core curriculum.

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