Are Teachers Paid Too Little . . . or Too Much?

Tuesday, May 20, 2003, 3:30–5:00 p.m.
Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI

In recent decades, education experts have avoided asking if teachers are paid too little or too much. To even question the assumption that teachers are woefully underpaid is to risk being labeled "anti-teacher" and "anti-education." Treading where few dare, AEI will host a discussion with two authors of analyses published in the May issue of Education Next. *Richard Vedder of Ohio University and Michael Podgursky of the University of Missouri, will present new research that suggests that good teachers and those with critical skills may be underpaid but that most teachers are not. Vedder and Podgursky will present data on teacher pay, the structure of teacher compensation, the nature of the teacher workforce, and how teacher salaries compare to those of other professions. Howard Nelson, senior associate director of the Research Department of the American Federation of Teachers, will respond. Frederick M. Hess, resident scholar at AEI, will chair the session.*

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3:15 p.m.	Registration	
3:30	*Presenters:*	RICHARD VEDDER, Ohio University MICHAEL PODGURSKY, University of Missouri
	Discussion:	HOWARD NELSON, American Federation of Teachers
	Moderator:	FREDERICK M. HESS, AEI
5:00	Adjournment	

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