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PROBLEM TEACHER: Dissecting a dissenting instructor

Our new teacher has problems that merit a closer view.

His outward credentials are adequate & he's got decent student reviews.

But there are disturbing signs warranting deeper investigation.

For example he criticizes our government & ridicules what the School Board has sought to do.

His humor is mildly licentious - perhaps he's a bit unscrewed?

The way that he looks at some students seems provocative & he told one student that most schools are for fools.

> Let's have him interrogated or better yet - eliminated. a nice juicy scandal should do.

Exploit his weaknesses: tilt a few stories in a theatrical light then attack boldly when the moment is right.

In our school we want instructors who are clean, patriotic, & straight.

We can't allow any teacher to turn schooling into a wayward social game.



- *Melissa:* At some point in their careers, I suspect that nearly every teacher could be labeled "problematic".
- *Liao:* Sure they're human and make mistakes. Aren't mistakes part of the learning process?
- *Satoru:* Of course, but we also need accountability! Who pays for the mistakes that teachers make?
- *Tim:* Relax, people tend to make less mistakes as they get older . . .
- *Satoru:* I'm not so certain. Perhaps they simply become more adept at concealing their mistakes . . .

