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His book, *Education and the State*, published in 1965, continues to be highly influential. He researched how the state gradually became more and more involved in the education system of England and other countries. He examined the effect it had on the quality of education, concluding that its influence was ultimately negative.<sup>1</sup> Edwin G. West, *Education and the State*, London: Institute of Economic Affairs, 1965: 2nd edn., 1970.p.xvii:3rd edn. (revised and extended), Indianapolis, IN: Liberty Fund. 1994. West's book, "Education and the State" largely explores the history of Education in Great Britain. In looking at the problems of education in Great Britain, there is a lot of insight into what works and what doesn't work. Up until 1870, education was largely a private concern that the parents of children dealt with. Things dramatically changed in 1870 under the Foster Act, which put government into what had been a private concern. (Editor's Note: Professor E. G. West, the distinguished economist and historian of education, died last October 6 at the age of 79. His most recent articles in this magazine, "The Spread of Education Before Compulsion: Britain and America in the Nineteenth Century" and "Classical Libertarian Compromises on State Education," appeared ..., *Education State E G West*.

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