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1. Resource on which you are commenting:

 _Book	Textbook	Video	Display	Magazine	Library Program
 Audio Recording		_Newspaper	Electronic information/network (please specify		
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Title____Killing Ed: charter schools, corruption, and the Gülen.

Author/Producer_____MARK S. HALL_____

2. What brought this resource to your attention?

I am a freelancer and making researches about Turkey, Middle East, Erdogan Regime, Gulen Movement, Turkey-American relations and more. Please see my website at <u>www.enginyigit.com</u>. I watched this video earlier, this video is the propaganda of the Erdogan regime and they do it for political reasons and manipulating the American society by assuming wrong and baseless allegations. SO, I wanted to inform you that please don't be part of the misinformation spread here in Pflugerville.

3. Have you examined the entire resource?

Yes, I am doing research on this issues for years and even I wrote a book about how the Erdogan regime manipulated the Pakistan government and seized a group of private schools in there by using the same tactics and political arguments as they spread them here with this video film. You can see my book from this link at

https://books.google.com/books/about?id=uaxCEAAAQBAJ. It is a new book and published a

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couple of days before. I am not against of freedom speech, but the thing is that this video is nonsense with all the arguments they discussed in the film.

Charter School are public institutions and are abide the State Laws. If there is anything wrong happening in any public schools, the enforcement agencies will take immediate actions. They will not wait till someone made its movie. And, this film puts all the US enforcement agencies including, CIA, FBI, Police, and all the other departments of the government at a silly position and they claim there is corruption going on in these charter schools falsely affiliated to Gulen Movement, First, corruption is a silly allegation happen at a public school and no one sees it but the producers. Since this movie is made none of the government agencies made any operations to any charters schools in the US or in Texas. This disproves this entire movie from its root. Secondly, charters schools are public schools. There are no any law states that private people could run a charter school in the US by getting funding from the Tax Payer money. This is also false allegation. If any charter school is established here in any states, there are many obligatory works to be done first and then the permissions are given. If so, how a group of people from other countries could infiltrate to the American education system and do schooling in front of everyone and no one sees it. It is the most silly thing could be made as an argument and the producer successfully achieve it in the video. Again, they aim to spread misinformation with these and all other information mentioned in the movie. People could criticize the Gulen Movement or any other group, there is no problem with it, but when they made a claim for a group over charter schools which are a public school is something difficulty understand and unrealistic.

4. What concerns you about the resource? (use other side or additional pages if necessary)

Most of the information is fabricated and doesn't reflect the facts. (This paragraph has a lot of ironies) According to this video, all American departments are crazy and they allowed corrupters run a school here but only the producer of this movie realized that there is a corruption scheme going on and they filmed it. Don't be part of this misinformation spread on behalf of Turkish government without knowing it, please remove it from your library and website.

5. Are there resource(s) you suggest to provide additional information and/or other viewpoints on this topic?

You could have in your library criticizing Gulen Movement, Erdogan regime, or Middle East politics but this film that is available in your library neither a criticization nor academic. I kindly request you to remove this from your library to not be part of spreading ideological or political thoughts of a marginal group of people who are linked to Turkish government and doing all these for their political war here in the US.

Turkish government also challenged the so-called Charters Schools at every opportunity in the US, and Harmony Public Schools were also reported to the Texas Education Agency. You can find the details on a credible source at https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/answer-sheet/wp/2016/07/20/turkey-seeks-probes-of-american-charter-schools-it-says-are-linked-to-fethullah-gulen/. This is the case that could be resolved at court. But, Turkish government failed to convince the American authorities. So, they are trying to create a public opinion on the matter base on false information.

I quoted this part "The D.C. Public Charter School Board allowed a Harmony charter school to open in the nation's capital in 2014, and the head of the board, Scott Pearson, said he thoroughly investigated claims that the charter is connected to the Gulen movement, first when he was working at the U.S. Department of Education in 2011 and then again when he was with the charter board in 2013. He said he found the allegations untrue.

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"In no case did I find any evidence that Harmony schools was operated by people belonging to or associated with the Gulen movement," he said." from the article which link was provided above. As it is crystal clear connecting any public school to any third group or making propaganda of it is baseless.

This issue is not something academic nor realistic. And, what sorrows me that my library is holding such a fancy film which contains many lies and misinformation in it. There are many academic books about these issues and you could just have them in your library. I kindly request you to remove this media from the library and your websites.

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