Who Is Tim Draper?

His campaign calls him…
“An instrument of God’s hands, like Rosa Parks.” (Time, 5/17/00)

Billionaire Venture Capitalist Risk-taker
“The best thing the U.S. has is a lenient bankruptcy law. An entrepreneur knows that the worst thing that can happen is to go bankrupt.” – Tim Draper, Business Week Online

“He is full of crackpot schemes to transform public education in the US through the funding of internet-based education enterprises.” - Jason Pontin, Red Herring

On the stump Draper touts his experience on the State Board of Education, however:
- Draper was appointed to the State Board of Education by Gov. Pete Wilson.
- While on the Board Draper had one of the worst attendance records.
- July 13: Draper failed to appear before the State Board of Education in a scheduled speech in support of Prop. 38.

Tim Draper on public education:
“Public schools better improve or we’ll just privatize them.” -- Tim Draper, Fresno, 7/14/00

“…it’s the one last bastion of socialism left in our system…” -- Tim Draper, Bay T.V., 5/4/00

“He calls public education ‘socialistic’ and advocates free-market solutions at every turn, even advocating legalizing drugs.” – New York Times, 4/17/00

A state where all children will have transferred to private schools, thanks to public funds? That, for certain, is one way to “fix” public education.” -- Time, 5/17/00
“Government is the real threat. Our government is the ultimate monopoly.” -- *Tim Draper, San Jose Mercury News 10/11/98*

**On education reform:**

“I have to be the one to make sure it happens.” -- *Tim Draper, New York Times, 4/17/00*

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