

## Tremendous NEPC to Get Creative in Tapping New Funding



Now more than ever, the National Education Policy Center (NEPC) and other organizations doing community-engaged research are facing an uphill battle to secure funding.

Since January, however, we have learned that there are major [funding sources waiting to be tapped](#). On April 1, NEPC will therefore launch the following fundraising initiatives:

**NEPC NTF Trading Cards** (*This is the greatest opportunity in the history of our country!*). These \$99 new (Series 1) NEPC Digital Trading Cards (NFTs) are all as gorgeous as the example above and are [surefire way](#) to fill up the NEPC coffers. If you buy 10 or more, we will throw in a cutting of fabric from the tuxedo David Berliner wore when he announced the [2013 Bunkum Awards!](#)

**\$NEPC Memecoin** (*No one has ever seen anything like it!*). The coin will be worthless, of course. But NEPC stands to make [millions](#) through sales and fees. We invite interested plutocrats to try to exercise undue influence upon us to purchase \$NEPC wherever such worthless cybercurrency is sold.

**NEPC Holy Book** (*Many people are saying it'll be huge!*), for the broadminded faithful. This comprehensive book includes an NEPC-themed [Bible](#), Torah, Quran, and Bhagavad Gita, along with the U.S. Constitution and Declaration of Independence, [and](#) a special all-capital-letters edition of the Ladson-Billings and Tate classic, *Toward a Critical Race Theory of Education*.

**NEPC Victory Sneakers** (*We're going to win so much!*). This \$199 [footwear](#) is perfect for

long marches or for simply milling around conference centers and hotel ballrooms. It combines universal access with affordability and a culturally responsive fit that builds on each individual's strengths.

We're planning to sell Amazon the [streaming rights](#) to "**NEPC Apprentice**" (*It's a beautiful thing!*). The show, which mainly consists of us begging authors to meet their deadlines, never gained much of an audience, anyway. We'll even [sell Amazon the right](#) to produce an NEPC "**behind the scenes**" **documentary** (*We have the best people!*).

NEPC has also taken note of a [memo](#) to the CDC flagging about 20 forbidden words and phrases, including "gender," "LGBT" and "nonbinary." In line with this revised philological landscape, NEPC will now be charging our authors \$250 per use of the nefarious words. As we now tell our authors, *We won't go broke so long as you stay woke!*

## Politics

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