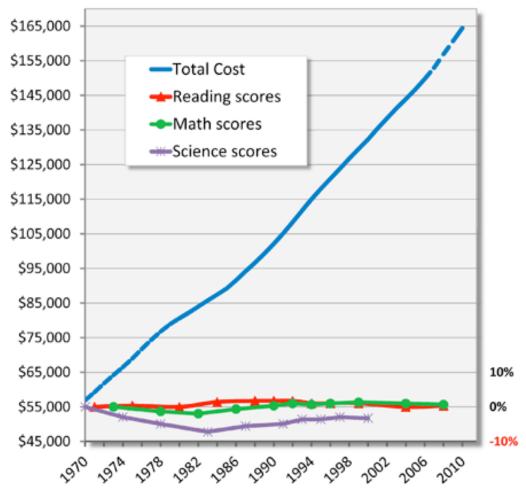
Most USAmericans are so fucking dumb they think this graph shows the success of the government education system.

Trends in inflation-adjusted cost of a complete K-12 public education (\$ scale), and achievement of 17-Year-Olds (% scale)



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"Total cost" is the whole amount spent on the K-12 education of a student graduating in the given year.

Data sources

(test scores): NAEP, Long
Term Trends reports, U.S.
Department of Education
(cost): Digest of Education
Statistics 2011, Table 191,
U.S. DOE, CPI adjusted to
constant 2012 \$. Missing
values linearly interpolated
or extrapolated.

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Government schools make statist fools.