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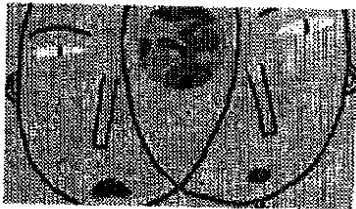
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I think what Lopez is hearing about Proposition 30, which would temporarily raise sale taxes in California, is just a reflection of voters' frustration with a government that can't do anything right. The governor asks us for more money for schools but can't free us from the grips of unions that fight for tenure and make it impossible to terminate bad teachers or reduce administrators.

We need comprehensive education reform. Just as President Obama's mini-Dream Act is no substitute for comprehensive immigration reform, Proposition 30 is no substitute for the Legislature and governor actually governing by developing comprehensive education reform.

Voters will approve tax hikes when they are confident they will see results. There is little such confidence when it comes to our schools.

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