

Cartoons for the Classroom

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Are books the top danger to kids?



Pat Bagley, Salt Lake Tribune / Courtesy of Cagle.com

1. What do these cartoons say about states trying to protect children from “dangerous” books?
2. Several dictionaries and encyclopedias were pulled from school library shelves over possible violations of a Florida law on sexual content. Are these books really a danger? Why or why not?
3. Should schools ever black out “offensive words” in books?
4. How does politics determine what is taught in grade schools, high schools and colleges?
5. Does “protecting people from dangerous ideas” threaten their freedom of thought and speech?
6. What is the leading cause of death among U.S. children?

Between the lines

“When leaders make policy decisions that are focused on political wins and supporting fringe anti-education groups instead of what is right for teachers, parents and students, we end up with situations like this – where our state goes from banning books to banning words.” – Florida Education Association.

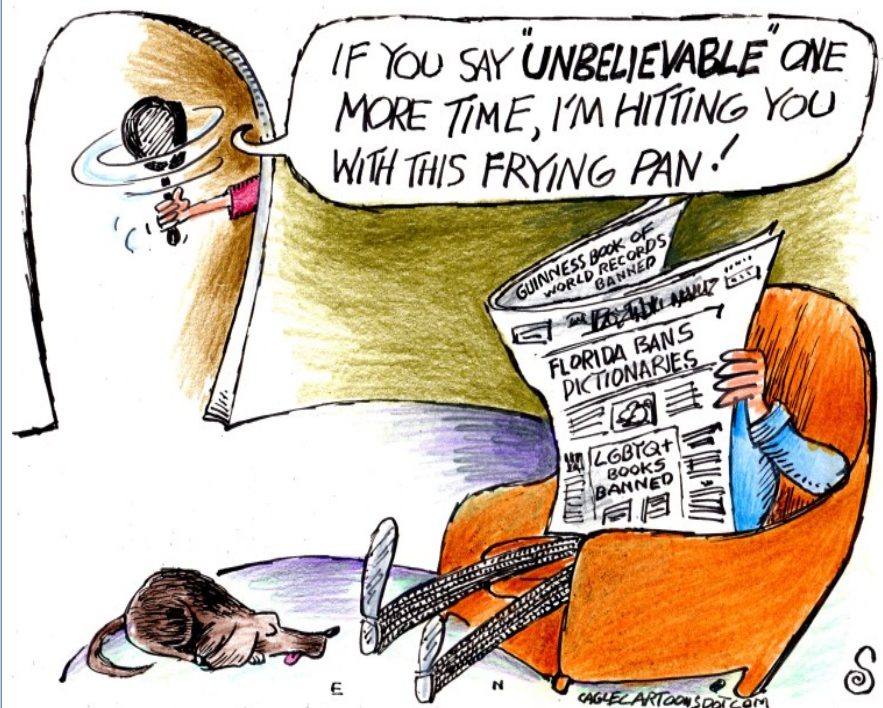
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2024/jan/11/florida-schools-ron-desantis-ban-books-sexual-content>

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