Laws and Policies Currently Promoted by "Parents Rights" Groups

Countering Parents' Rights Frames

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Since 2020, there have been over 1,700 book bans in the United States. Hundreds of new laws are censoring what teachers can talk about, banning sex ed, stopping teachers from teaching empathy, and putting LGBTQ+ youth in danger. Those pushing this agenda call it "parents' rights." But it is a strategy funded by far-right activists at the national level to gain political power.

BANS ON BOOKS IN SCHOOLS

including books about Anne Frank, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and LGBTQ+ young people, with threats of fines and prison sentences for libraries.

BANS ON LESSONS THAT TEACH STUDENTS EMPATHY,

how to get along with each other, manage stress and anxiety and make good decisions.

BANS ON SCHOOLS
PROTECTING LGBTQ+ YOUTH
FROM BULLYING

BANS ON TEENS ACCESSING ABORTION

if a parent disagrees with abortion.

BANS AND CENSORSHIP ON WHAT TEACHERS CAN SAY RELATED TO SEXUAL ORIENTATION.

MANDATORY SHARING OF PRIVATE INFORMATION RELATED TO TRANS YOUTH AND THEIR PARENTS,

without regard to the child's safety at home.

BANS AND CENSORSHIP ON HOW TEACHERS CAN TALK ABOUT RACISM AND U.S. HISTORY,

including penalties and fines and schools losing millions of state dollars.

LAWS REQUIRING PARENTAL NOTIFICATION FOR TEENS TO OBTAIN BIRTH CONTROL.

BANS BLOCKING TRANSGENDER GIRLS FROM PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS,

including threats of genital inspections and period tracking for all girls.

BANS ON SEX EDUCATION.

BANS MAKING GENDER
AFFIRMING HEALTH CARE AND
COUNSELING ILLEGAL FOR
TRANS YOUTH.

LAWS THAT TAKE MONEY FROM PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND GIVE IT TO RELIGIOUS SCHOOLS.





