

Dear Committee Members,

Please vote no on the negative indoctrination of our children. Racism and slavery are already in the current curriculum at our schools. They were studied when I went to school years ago. We do not need to hammer these concepts into the heads of our future generations. What would be the purpose of this? Why do the books need to be changed? What's different today then when I went to school and learned about racism?

How about emphasizing the great things about our country and state? How about glorifying the end of slavery (which we do in current curriculum). Where is this push for inflicting guilt and shame on our youth coming from?

America and Oregon have overcome slavery. It's such a blessing and we do have work to do to ensure underprivileged communities have the same chances at success as others. Living currently in a hate-filled, racist past and emphasizing negativity isn't the way to move forward.

Please vote no. Thank you.