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By banning books within public schools, it is taking away the right for kids to educate themselves. By banning books, we are telling our society to run from what is uncomfortable not educate ourselves on it. If we are so scared of different culture changes and addressing our past, where will our society ever get? Will we get to a place where every group and voice is being heard? Or will we instead be stuck in a never moving culture where information is completely left out or hidden? If we are teaching kids in schools to be afraid of change then what does that mean for the younger generations coming up? We are the ones who need the most knowledge on our culture that we can get if we are going to benefit every single minority in the U.S. Further, how can the younger generations vote or be apart of major topics if they are being dismissed on what they can learn and cannot learn. The only thing that banning books is doing is putting a cover up on what is happening in our culture today and stripping kids the right from fully grasping every bit of knowledge that they can gain. There is no way any parent will ever be able to fully conceal that America is changing and their kids will learn about it some other way, whether this is through other views, social media, etc. We might as well learn from a valuable source that is providing different angles, perspectives, and sides of the story. We must not have fear, but instead trust the younger generation and their teachers to fully educate the children of today's society.