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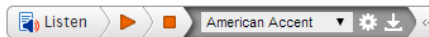
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Banning Books: An Overview



The practice of challenging or banning books has long been a strategy used to label reading materials as offensive on moral, religious, or political grounds. Books with sexually explicit content, or those that challenge religious or political orthodoxy, have throughout history, been regarded as a threat to public welfare. While the practice of banning books has declined in democratic societies, challenges to literature still occur today for the same reasons.

Understanding the Discussion

Ban: To prohibit, usually through legal or social authority.

First Amendment to the US Constitution: The First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

Offensive: Causing feelings of insult or strong displeasure.

Suppress: To hold back or remove from circulation.

Totalitarianism: A form of government in which the state is overseen by a strict, central authority that allows little or no deviation from the laws and rules which it imposes.

An Overview

In totalitarian societies, books have been banned for challenging a government's ruling authority. Arguments for banning books claimed the need to promote political stability or maintain public morality. In more open societies, books that offend conventionality are often banned or challenged as well. If a book is deemed offensive, some may argue, that it is promoting ideas which can have a detrimental influence on individuals (often children) and on society as a whole. When public funds are used to buy the materials in question, the issue becomes further complicated.

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