'Educators' Ban... the Bible



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Local "educators" and the state teachers' union in Oklahoma have vowed to defy a move by the state superintendent of schools to install Bibles in every classroom, grades 5-12, to help children study "the core values and historical context of our country".

You'd think some familiarity with the Bible would be indispensable to any meaningful study of history—especially when dealing with the development of modern Western civilization. But it seems quite a few school superintendents would disagree with you.

Yeahbut, yeahbut! This is *public education*! It's dedicated to "neutrality and objectivity" (can I add a LOL to that?). And so we have an "intense backlash" from the usual suspects in the teachers' union, the Oklahoma Teachers Assn. They've threatened to take the state to court. Like, who ever heard of a Bible in a classroom?

Well, I have. When I was a boy, we not only had the Bible in our classroom. We had a reading from it every day. I'm still at a loss to understand what harm that supposedly did us.

Somehow I missed this story, that came out last year: in 2023, Utah's public schools—Utah?—banned the Bible… because the text includes "violence and vulgarity." So they banned the Bible from elementary and middle school.

History is the study of things that happened. There's this

little thing called "war" that seems to crop up now and then in human history... and a fairly large portion of the Bible deals with it. Should war be excluded from the study of history? As for vulgarity, in all those years of Bible-reading in the classroom, we never came across "vulgarity."

And here you were, thinking the Red states were somehow different. Nope. The same deep Blue, Far Left crazy teachers' unions dominate "education" in all 50 states.

Getting back to neutrality and objectivity, when was the last time you saw anyone in public education displaying even a trace of neutrality and objectivity when it came to studying "gender" etc.? When was the last time you saw a public school district give equal time to any opinion that rejected that? "You can be a boy one day and a girl the next, depending on how you feel": so said a California "educator" some fifteen or twenty years ago—and teachers' unions have been pushing that, ever since, as if their very lives depended on it.

What mystifies me is why America's Christian (and Jewish) parents continue to send their kids to public schools, where unionized teachers "teach" them that their families' core values are outdated, hateful, and wrong. Not only that—their taxes have to pay for it.

Have we forgotten The Great COVID Pandemic, when they closed the schools and sentenced the children to "on-line education" at home? Several districts tried to get parents to sign a pledge not to listen in on, or "interfere" with, the instruction. Talk about adding insult to injury! What more could the educators have done to convince parents that they were committed to propagandizing their children? What more could they have done to prove it?

If America ever does go belly-up, public education will have had a starring role in it—and the lion's share of the blame.

We are running out of time to rescue America's children from

public education.

I have discussed these and other topics throughout the week on my blog, http://www.leeduigon.com/. Click the link and visit. My articles can also be found at www.chalcedon.edu/.

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