

I am absolutely opposed to this legislation.

The legislation reads more like a Turning Point USA pamphlet than a serious civics curriculum, stating that teachers may highlight the supposed Christian underpinnings of American liberty while conveniently ignoring religion's deeply harmful roles - from justifying slavery and segregation to opposing women's suffrage, civil rights, LGBTQ equality and science itself.

The bill presents an extensive list of cherry-picked or deceptive "historical accounts." The bill falsely frames the Ten Commandments as the basis of American law — a myth repeatedly rejected by courts and historians. It treats the addition of "In God We Trust" and "under God" during the Cold War as timeless truths rather than political maneuvers that came nearly 200 years after the nation's founding. It conflates the Declaration of Independence, with its sparse Enlightenment-era deistic references, with the godless U.S. Constitution.

Please stop this thinly veiled attempt to force the Christian religion into our public schools - a First Amendment violation.

Thank you.

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