

I am an undergraduate History Major at The Ohio State University. As part of my degree, I am required by university policy to take courses outside of my major. This sort of depth and breadth teaches people to think deeply, solve problems, and see beyond the surface. SB 1/HB 6 inherently threatens the existence of rigorous and valuable programs like this.

Below is a portion of a project I've worked on in my architecture course, a theme/GE outside of my major. I hope you recognize our state's capital on this map! SB 1/HB 6 will ban this project.

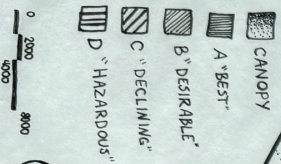
Our professors did not indoctrinate us. This project was incredibly open-ended: Find a visible characteristic of Columbus and an invisible one. Overlay the data and render it using the drafting techniques taught. What patterns does your data show?

My map shows a current disparity in where the tree canopy is now and where historic neighborhoods were subjected to the race-based violence of Redlining. There are decidedly fewer trees in redlined areas. I also noticed while rendering the map how redlined neighborhoods were most often split by the highways.

The study of redlining firmly falls into the category of DEI. The maps my peers developed independently all touch on subjects that will be similarly banned. Yet these are our future city planners and architects. This sort of synthesis is critical to having a skilled and knowledgeable workforce. My fellow undergrads may be young, but they're adults who have, can, and will be able to handle tough topics without governmental interference. When you're seeking an education, especially at a university like OSU, you're not going to swallow and regurgitate selected information. You're going there to learn, which means questioning everything, being uncomfortable, and seeking more than the surface.

You either trust us to learn and will block SB 1/HB 6, or you become what you fear and force us to learn a proscribed curriculum free from uncomfortable questions with access only to "acceptable" answers.

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