

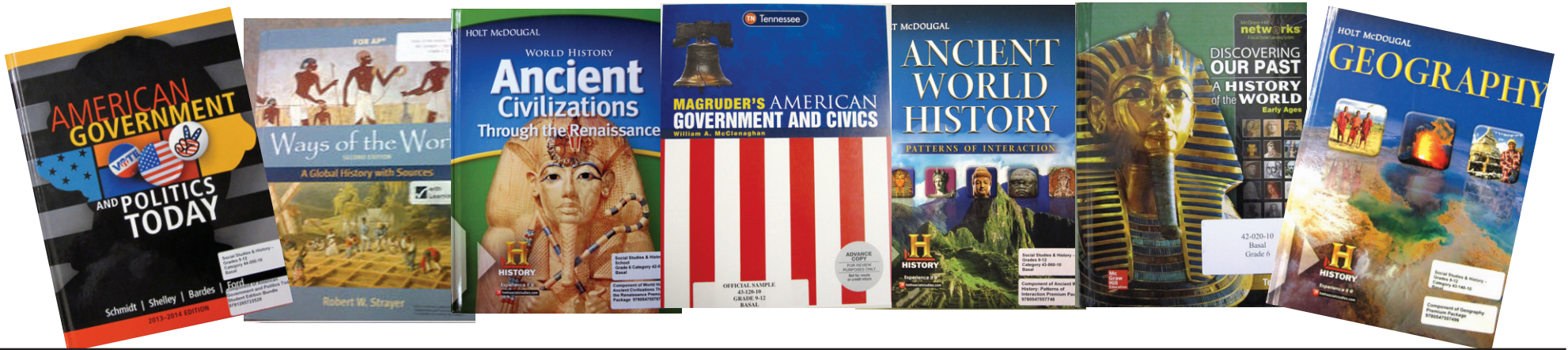
THE TEXTBOOK TATTTLER



Coming soon to a classroom near you . . .

AS A PARENT YOU SHOULD KNOW what your child is being taught in school...

The Tennessee Dept. of Education is recommending Social Studies textbooks for your child's classroom. A group of responsible, well-educated and qualified parents reviewed those textbooks for content. The books featured here are a sampling. Take a look at what you will find in the books:



Text of book: **RED** Reviewers' comments: **BLACK**

"American Democracy Now" McGraw Hill, 9-12 AP

America is a Constitutional Republic!



From federal to local governments, every decision made by lawmakers must comply with our constitution. Not so with a democracy. (A lynch mob is a democracy.) In a democracy, whatever the majority decides, the minority must endure. Our constitution is designed to protect the minority and the individual. Here is what you will find used liberally in most of the textbooks:



What you will not find is the constitution.mentions, yes, but full examination? No.

"Government in America" Pearson Education, 9-12

What should governments do?

- Maintain a national defense. Yes, as enumerated in the constitution.
- Provide public goods and services Limited in the constitution.
- Preserve order... When people protest in large numbers government may resort to extreme measures to restore order. Not constitutional until laws are broken.
- Socialize the young. Who do you want "socializing" your child?unconstitutional!
- Collect taxes What they do the best!

"Magruder's American Government and Civics"

Pearson Education, 9-12

What Is Government?

Government is the institution through which a society makes and enforces its public policies. Government is made up of those people who exercise its powers, all those who have **authority and control over people**.

The **public policies** of a government are, in short, all of those things a **government decides to do**. Public policies cover matters ranging from taxation, defense, education, crime, and healthcare to transportation, the environment, civil rights, and working conditions. Indeed the **list of public policy issues handled by government is nearly endless**.

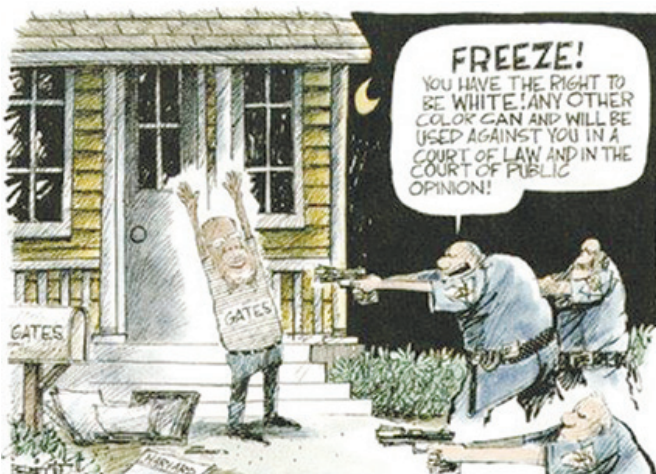
Recent Changes The Soviet Union controlled Eastern Europe for four decades. But by the late 1980s the Soviet Union had severe economic problems and a new leader, Mikhail Gorbachev, was making reforms. As one reform he gave Eastern Europe more freedom. The impact was dramatic. Eastern Europeans demanded political and economic reforms. By 1989 Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland and Romania ended Communist control of their governments and held free elections. In 1990 Bulgaria and Yugoslavia followed suit.

What is NOT mentioned:

- 56 to 62 million "unnatural deaths" for the USSR overall, with 34 to 49 million under Stalin. *Dyadkin, I.G. (Demograficheskaya statistika neyestestvennoy smertnosti v SSSR 1918-1956)*
- At the war's end, the Soviet Union adopted a "plunder policy" of physically transporting and relocating east European industrial assets to the Soviet Union.
- No experiments in communism/socialism have ever succeeded. China is offered up as an example of success but Mao was responsible for over 70 million deaths. *Historians Jung Chang and Jon Halliday*
- Historians agree that President Ronald Reagan's policies were instrumental in the collapse of Soviet Russia and freeing Eastern Europe from Communist rule. No such credit is assigned.



"American Government and Politics Today" Houghton, Mifflin, Harcourt, 9-12



Despite the civil rights movement and civil rights legislation, and despite the election of the first black president, many African Americans continue to feel a sense of injustice in matters of race, and this feeling is often not apparent to, or appreciated by, the majority of white America.

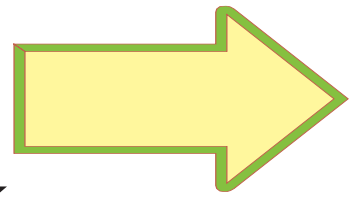
Is this a balanced approach? Is the unconfirmed injustice "sensed" by African Americans not just as prejudicial and objectionable as the "lack of appreciation" by white Americans?

Race: "The president addressed racial profiling in ways no previous president could when one of the nation's pre-eminent scholars was arrested . . . in his own home . . ." The president said on National TV . . . the Cambridge Police acted stupidly . . ."

In February 2012 when unarmed 17-year old Trayvon Martin was fatally shot by George Zimmerman, a 28-year old community watch organizer . . . The president said "If I had a son he would look like Trayvon."

Is it appropriate for a sitting president to interject his biased opinion into ongoing investigations? Is this appropriate to relay to our children without the complete background information on which to reach an informed opinion? Why are the professor and Trayvon Martin portrayed sympathetically while the Cambridge Police and George Zimmerman are not afforded such deference?

ERADICATION OF CHRISTIANITY



& JUDAISM

“Discovering our Past - A History of the World” McGraw-Hill



BETRAYAL OF JESUS . . . They may have charged Jesus with Treason, or disloyalty to the government He was questioned by the Roman Governor and sentenced to death.”

“Romans regularly crucified criminals and political rebels.”

What would a 7th grader who knew little about biblical history take away from this?

“Ancient World History”

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

JESUS’ DEATH Jesus’ growing popularity concerned Roman leaders The Roman governor Pontius Pilate accused Jesus of defying the Authority of Rome. Pilate arrested Jesus and sentenced him to be crucified . . .



FACTUALLY INCORRECT!

John 19:4 - (Pilate) - “I find no basis for a charge against him – You take him and crucify him, as for me I find no basis for a charge against him.”

ISLAMIC BIAS? YOU DECIDE!



**ISLAM
THE FUTURE OF
AMERICA?**



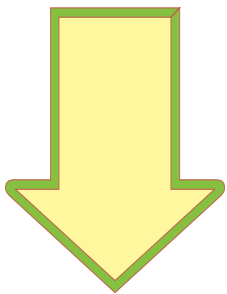
**Soon shall we cast
terror into the
hearts of the
Unbelievers.**

(Quran 3:151)

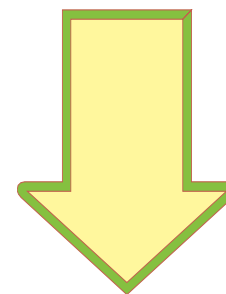
“My World History & Geography, Early Civilization thru Renaissance” Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

These numbers represent 1 textbook, however, all of the World History related books presented to Tennessee by all publishers are within these same ranges.

# of UNITS on Islam	# of UNITS on Christianity	# of UNITS on Judaism	# of Chapters on Islam	# of Chapters on Christianity	# of References to Muslims	# of References to Christians	# of References to Jews	# of References to Muhammad	# of References to Jesus
1	0	0	5	0 (2 partial chapters mixed with other subjects)	219	42	26	180	102



**Slow fade into
promotion of
Socialism
& Communism**



Mao Tse-Tung



What a nice picture of a SMILING DICTATOR.

No mention or reference to 70 million victims of his regime.

“American Government & Civics” MacGruders

Page 10 – “But what is justice?” The term is difficult to define for justice is a concept, an idea, an invention of the human mind. Like other concepts such as truth, liberty, fairness and justice means what people want it to mean”

Moral virtues are natural law. In a civilized world, “...It is the doctrine of objective value, the belief that certain attitudes are really true, others really false...” C.S. Lewis from *The Abolition of Man*

Moral virtues must be learned, therefore they must be taught.

Page 758 – “The number of families on welfare has plunged since the mid-1900s” –

In fact there was a 32% increase in welfare spending from 2009 to 2012 alone! *Congressional Research Service.*

ESCALATION OF ISLAM

“Revolution to Contemporary World” Pearson-Prentice Hall, World History



Muslim scholars studying with the Greek philosopher Aristotle.

What’s wrong with this picture . . . ?

Aristotle was dead 900 years before Muhammad was born!

Bias in Teaching about Islam



A Half-Truth Islam

Tennessee textbooks are now telling us half-truths about Islam. The problem with this is that our children will not be able to understand how the Middle East and North Africa went from being Christian to become nearly 100% Muslim. What is being taught about Islam will not let our children understand how the mass slaughter in the Westgate Mall in Nairobi, Kenya is just like jihad against the World Trade Towers on 9/11. The textbooks do not teach us why Christians die every week at the hands of Muslims.

These textbooks are not about understanding Islam in the world today and in history. They are about public relations and proselytizing.



These little girls are not daughters, they are brides.

MYTH / FICTION

REALITY / FACTS

“Ways of the World” Bedford Freeman & Worth
“Christians and Muslims share with the Jews the hope of a better world where Good triumphs over Evil.”

Actually, according to Islamic law, “good” is defined as Islam ruling the political and religious world. In the Hadith, Bukhari reports that Mohammed said that “all the world must become a place for Islam.”

“Ways of the World” Bedford Freeman & Worth
“Islamic Civilizations have a long history of encouraging religious tolerance and guaranteeing the rights of religious minorities.”

If Islam is so tolerant, how did Turkey, Egypt, North Africa, Syria and Iraq go from being Christian to Islamic? The rights of a religious minority were limited to being a dhimmi, a semi-slave without citizen rights.

Pearson, McGraw Hill, Bedford Freeman & Worth
Islamic Third Pillar - Zakat - “Giving to the Poor & Needy”

This fails to reveal that the Koran dictates that the Zakat be used only for Muslim poor and needy. The Koran goes further and says that the Zakat also be used for “fighting in Allah’s cause.” – Jihad

“Geography, Middle Ages to the Americas” Pearson Publishing
“Christians and Jews were allowed to practice their religions freely.”

Mohammed gave Jews and Christians the right to practice their religion freely only inside their homes and houses of worship. They were ruled as dhimmis under the Sharia laws. They were politically and socially denigrated: a Christian could not wear a cross and a Jew had to wear special clothing. Both Jews and Christians had to pay a special tax, the jizyah. Life was made so miserable that many converted.

“Geography, Middle Ages to the Americas”
Pearson Publishing
The Taj Mahal is presented as a wonder of Islam



The Taj was originally a Hindu temple that was commandeered and converted to an Islamic structure.

“Ways of the World” Bedford Freeman & Worth
The Quran affirms religious pluralism, cultural diversity and human rights.



The later Koran contains jihad against pagans, Jews and Christians. The early Koran affirms tolerance in its earliest passages. However, the Koran has countless contradictory verses that are resolved by abrogation. Abrogation means that the later verses supersede the early verses. Hence, dominance trumps tolerance in the Koran.

From the Hadith by Bukhari: Muhammad... “I have been ordered to wage war against mankind until they accept that there is no God but Allah and that they believe I am his prophet and accept all revelations spoken through me.”

The Koran, Hadith, and Sira; Center for the Study of Political Islam

WARNING PARENTS: HERE IS SOME OF WHAT YOU WILL FIND IN YOUR CHILD'S PSYCHOLOGY BOOKS:

“Psychology in Everyday Life” Bedford, Freeman and Worth

The direct result of focused, objective and accurate review resulted in the state's recent rejection of this book. We must now seek the same end for other equally offensive textbooks.

One survey of masturbation-related fantasies, 19 percent of women and 10 percent of men reported imagining being “taken” by someone overwhelmed with desire for them. (Hunt, 1974)

What message does it send to young men to be told that women imagine being “taken?” These are 14 - 17 year olds!

Studies indicate that men who describe themselves as bisexual tend to respond like homosexual men; they typically have genital arousal mostly to same-sex erotic stimuli. (Rieger)

(Another) Study found that men’s testosterone levels increased when they were exposed to the scent of an ovulating woman’s T-shirt (Miller and Maner, 2010). In a study of 5300 lap dancers, hourly tips almost doubled on the days near ovulation, compared with days during menstruation (Miller, et al, 2007). Women more than other mammalian females are responsive to testosterone levels.



About 95 percent of both men and women say they have had sexual fantasies. Men (whether gay or straight) fantasize about sex more often, more physically, and less romantically. They also prefer less personal and faster-paced sexual content in books and videos.

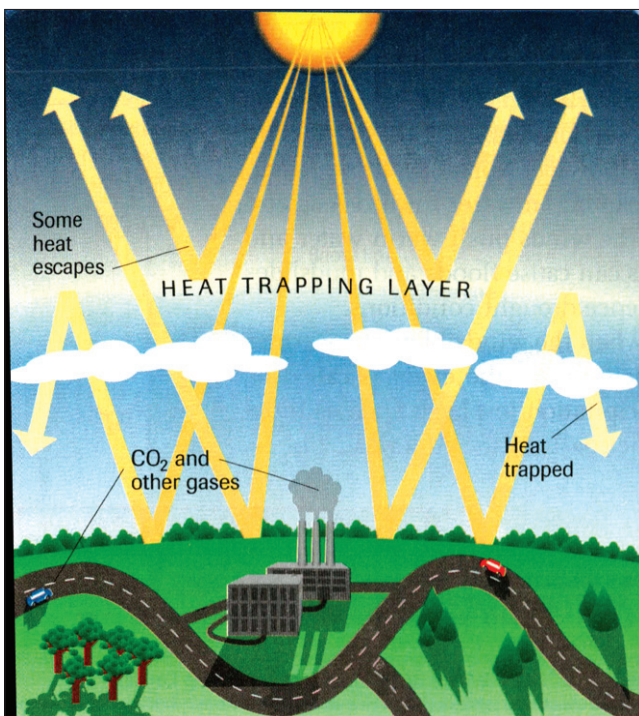
“Science of Psychology” McGraw-Hill AP grades 9-12



Lesbian women and gay men are similar to heterosexual women and heterosexual men in many respects.

“Geography” Holt McDougal grades 9-12

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE



Evidence shows that climates are changing around the world. Violent weather events, including some exceptionally harsh winters, have become more common. On average, though, air temperatures are rising. Since the late 1800s, the temperature of the earth has increased by one degree Fahrenheit. Estimates suggest that the temperature will increase from 3.2 to 7.2 degrees in the next century.

Most climate scientists argue that global warming is caused by the **greenhouse effect**. The layer of gases released by the burning of coal and oil traps some solar energy, causing higher temperatures in the same way that a greenhouse traps solar energy. However, some critics say that this warming is just part of the earth’s natural cycle.

As more nations industrialize, the greenhouse effect and global warming will probably increase. Already, many of the world’s glaciers have shrunk. There is much less ice in the Arctic Ocean than there once was. If the trend continues, ice caps will melt, flooding some coastal areas and covering low-lying islands. Many scientist also predict that weather patterns will become more erratic. For example, droughts may worsen.

“Any warming from the growth of greenhouse gases is likely to be minor, difficult to detect above the natural fluctuations of the climate, and therefore inconsequential.” Atmospheric Physicist Fred Singer, Science and Environmental Policy Project.



Simply looking at images of sexually attractive women and men can also affect people’s attitudes toward their own partners and relationships.

Estimates based on data from 2000 U.S. Census suggest that 2.5 percent of the population is gay or lesbian (Tarmann, 2002). About three or four percent of men and one or two percent of women are exclusively homosexual. A much smaller number (fewer than one percent) report being actively bisexual, and many of them say they had an isolated homosexual experience (Mosher et al., 2005). Most people surveyed say they have had an occasional homosexual fantasy.

Repeatedly viewing images of women being sexually coerced – and seeming to enjoy it – appears to follow a similar path.

“Studies Weekly” American Legacy

The Golden Rule

You’ve probably heard of the Golden Rule. There are several different ways to say it, but it just means that you should treat others the way you want to be treated.

Before you do or say anything that you are not sure is right, stop and think. Ask yourself, “Would I want to be treated that way?” If the answer is “no,” then don’t do it.

What should you do when someone treats you badly? Should you do something to get back at them? No. You might think that it will make you feel better, but it will just make things worse. No matter what anyone else does, you should always follow the Golden Rule.

This universally respected lesson was the reason for the rejection of the publication by teacher-reviewers on the basis of **Christian bias**.

A Renewed Focus on Preventing Voter Fraud

Under the guise of preventing voter fraud, a number of states have adopted laws likely to suppress the vote. Nine states now require government-issued photo identification. Because any form of poll tax is unconstitutional, states must pay the monetary costs associated with acquiring state-issued photo identification. Maine has abolished Election Day registration. Three states have passed laws requiring proof of citizenship as a prerequisite to voting. Five states have shortened or eliminated early voting opportunities. Florida and Texas have adopted laws that make it difficult for nonparty organizations like the League of Women Votes to register voters through registration drives. If this last change spreads to other states, registration drives on college campuses may be adversely impacted as well. Critics of these new laws argue that the burden falls disproportionately on elderly, poor, disabled, young, and minority voters. A 2012 study by the Brennan Center for Justice found that as many as five million eligible voters could be disenfranchised by new laws passed in the states, a number larger than the margin of victory in two of the last three presidential elections.

The first sentence reveals the author’s bias.

FACTS:

- An illegal vote cancels your vote. That equals the disenfranchisement of the legal voter.
- A photo ID is required to make a large purchase, board a plane, cash checks, rent anything, obtain a library card, join the YMCA, and gain admittance to many events including the Democratic National Convention.
- “Flagrant examples of such fraud in other parts of the country have been documented throughout this Nation’s history by respected historians and journalists, that occasional examples have surfaced in recent years...that...demonstrate that not only is the risk of voter fraud real but that it could affect the outcome of a close election. *The Supreme Court*
- “Despite apocalyptic assertions of wholesale voter disenfranchisement, Plaintiffs have produced not a single piece of evidence of any identifiable registered voter who would be prevented from voting pursuant to [the photo ID law] because of his or her inability to obtain the necessary photo identification. Similarly, Plaintiffs have failed to produce any evidence of any individual, registered or unregistered, who would have to obtain photo identification in order to vote, let alone anyone who would undergo any appreciable hardship to obtain photo identification in order to be qualified to vote. *The Federal Court of Indiana*

“American Government and Politics Today” Houghton Mifflin Harcourt grades 9-12 AP



On August 4, 2010, a federal judge declared California’s ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional, saying that no legitimate state interest justified treating gay and lesbian couples differently from others. The ruling was the first in the country to strike down a marriage ban on federal constitutional grounds rather than on the basis of a state constitution. It is widely believed that this will be the case that the U.S. Supreme Court agrees to hear. After a period of public opposition to same-sex marriage, President Barack Obama announced an evolution in his thinking in a nationally televised interview in May 2012, saying that he believes same-sex couples should be allowed to marry. His view is supported by a majority of Americans, according to poll data.

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