

## US schools see an uptick in book banning – Correction

- 1) What is the current trend in book banning in the US?

*There is a wave of challenges made to books in school libraries. 1,600 actions have been recorded last year in US public schools.*

- 2) What is defined as a book ban?

*The books challenged are either removed from accessibility or their access is restricted.*

- 3) What are the books targeted according to the American Library Association?

*The books that are targeted are those showing content related to gender identity, sexual orientation, racial issues...*

- 4) What do American opinions about this issue reveal?

*It shows the country is divided but a majority is opposed to book bans. This is the action of a minority.*

- 5) What is the “Teen Band Book Club”? Why was it created?

*It is a book club that gathers in Texas to talk about banned books as a reaction to the wave of conservatism in US school that bars them access to certain content. They are deploring the use of books to rile people up, the use of books as weapons.*

- 6) What link is made between book bans and the nationalization of state and local politics?

*Schoolboard meetings are becoming increasingly contentious and the fervor around this issue is growing. National politics are coming home and playing out in local communities with a passionate politicization of local debates.*

- 7) What is “Moms for Liberty”? What is said about them?

*It is a parent-led conservative group that advocates for increased parental rights on school contents and wants increased transparency and accountability at school.*

8) What is Tiffany Justice's take on the matter?

*She claims not to be political and asserts that there is just no educational content in those books but only obscenity.*

9) What has Jason Reynolds, national ambassador for Young People's Literature, written and what has happened to his books?

*He wrote books and racism and police brutality. They have been censored.*

10) How does he explain that? What does he denounce?

*He explains that if you write about race, sex or gender, you're on a chopping block. Challenges based on obscenity are an excuse not to say it's about race. People challenge those books because they are uncomfortable but discomfort isn't a bad thing, it doesn't mean unsafe.*

11) "It feels like a runway leading up to the next election", author Jason Reynolds, he says. What does he imply?

*It is a deeply political issue and American politics is polarizing on cultural issues.*

12) What is Margaret Atwood's, author of *The Handmaid's Tale*, opinion?

*She says that every parent can have a say but it does not mean they should dictate (democracy vs authoritarianism). However, if they said they didn't want Hitler's race theory taught in school, it would be acclaimed.*

13) What does they mean when they says "Not every book is for everybody but every book is for someone"? What does that imply?

*There is always somebody who will benefit from any book.*

14) Name the books that are currently heavily challenged nationwide. What do you know about them?

*Some of the books currently under attack are *Gone Girl*, *Captain Underpants*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Of Mice and Men*...*