



WORDS OPEN WORLDS:

SUPPORTING LITERACY THROUGH REPRESENTATIVE MATERIALS



What is resource equity?

- When schools, systems, and communities work together to mobilize the right combination of resources that create high-quality learning experiences for all students

How much districts spend AND how well they use resources to support student experiences

Alliance for Resource Equity

Help leaders & advocates **work together** to:



Understand resource inequities within and across schools



Consider underlying causes of resource inequities



Identify promising actions to meet student needs

We do this by offering **structure, shared language**, and a **suggested process** to advancing resource equity in communities via:



Toolkit



Webinars,
Newsletter



Presentations
& Support



SCHOOL FUNDING



**TEACHING QUALITY &
DIVERSITY**



**SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
QUALITY & DIVERSITY**



**EMPOWERING, RIGOROUS
CONTENT**



**INSTRUCTIONAL TIME &
ATTENTION**



**POSITIVE & INVITING
SCHOOL CLIMATE**



**STUDENT SUPPORTS &
INTERVENTION**



**HIGH-QUALITY EARLY
LEARNING**



**LEARNING-READY
FACILITIES**

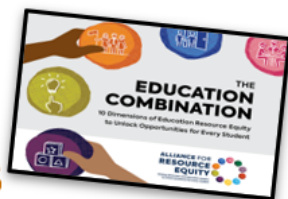


**DIVERSE CLASSROOMS &
SCHOOLS**

Alliance for Resource Equity Toolkit

Learn about the 10 dimensions

The Education Combination paper introduces our framework and outlines each dimension.



Identify decision-makers

Determine WHO should be the target of advocacy efforts.



Assess strengths & weaknesses

Understand the current state of education resource equity, both strengths and weaknesses



Dig deeper

Consider underlying causes of challenges.



Make the case

Create clear and compelling messaging to move your audience to action.



Defending Literacy and Representation

Censorship at Scale



22,810

book bans since July 2021



6,870

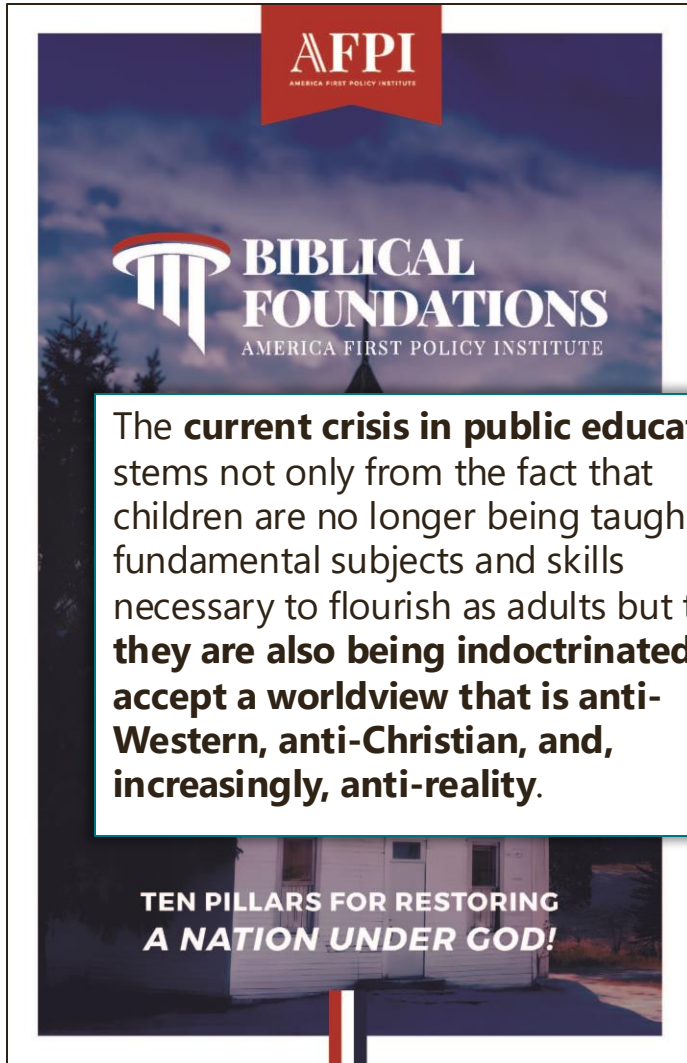
bans in 2024-2025 alone



45

states affected

A Singular and Exclusionary Vision



The **current crisis in public education** stems not only from the fact that children are no longer being taught the fundamental subjects and skills necessary to flourish as adults but that **they are also being indoctrinated to accept a worldview that is anti-Western, anti-Christian, and, increasingly, anti-reality.**

PRESS RELEASE


U.S. Department of Education, AFPI, TPUSA, Hillsdale College, and Over 40 National and State Organizations Launch America 250 Civics Coalition

ED and 40 Partners Launch America 250 Civics Education Coalition

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

"Turning Point USA, which includes Turning Point Education, is more resolved than ever to advance God-centered, virtuous education for students flourishing across our nation," **said Dr. Hutz H. Hertzberg, Chief Education Officer of Turning Point Education.** "With that in mind, we are honored to partner with the distinguished organizations that comprise the America 250 Civics Education Coalition to restore, revive, and reclaim robust American civics education for all students throughout our country."

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A Climate of Fear Rooted in History



80%

of teachers self-censor



4%

of bans followed proper review



97%

of bans done out of fear, not legal requirement

Today's Panelists



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Where to Go From Here?

July 2025


6 Principles to Advance Equity in State Literacy Policy

By Shayna Levitan, Policy Analyst





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