

I moved to Oregon in October 2020 from San Francisco where I was politically active in the Libertarian Party and aided in our party's evaluation of bills in the California State Legislature and San Francisco City Hall. With Corona, it has been difficult to get involved in the Libertarian Party of Oregon, but I hope to do so in order to provide a more Libertarian perspective on pending legislation. In the area of public education, our general criticism is the government's monopoly on education too often and too easily takes on the form of indoctrination. As Samuel Clemens said, "It took me 20 years to unlearn my education."

"Media literacy" is really doublespeak for "training for self-censorship and self-delusion in order to be a good repeater of propaganda." The simple fact is the United States has a propaganda media ultimately controlled by military intelligence. Many people talk around this as "Corporate Media" but it is ultimately controlled by the national security state. The US War machine has a generally nazi outlook, and propaganda in the US is especially focused on controlling those inclined to progressive values so they either get on board with policy against their own values and interest or follow the piper into endless and pointless cul-de-sacs that go nowhere. "Media Literacy" means "believe everything you read in the New York Times" even when it's a propaganda rag that brought us Saddam's phony Weapons of Mass Destruction and never apologized about it ... and then of course there's "online medical misinformation." As somebody who has been injured by evil doctors, I've learned "Trust But Verify" the hard way: and what we actually have in the propaganda media are pill pushers of a medical mafia.

If we are to have public education, the best way to do it is through local control. Local School Boards are far more democratic. Media Literacy curricula should be decided by local school boards, not centralized textbook mills. All it takes is for the intelligence agencies to control a couple members of this super-spiffy media literacy committee to create "standards" that basically hack the brains of youth into uncritical thought: the exact opposite of what this bill . There's a term for this: brainwashing as a means of social control. Cui bono?

It is unclear why this needs to be an emergency bill.