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Opposing school book banning is crucial for promoting intellectual freedom, critical thinking, and diversity of perspectives in education. Censorship limits students' exposure to diverse ideas and can hinder their ability to develop informed opinions. It's essential to advocate for open-mindedness and the inclusion of varied viewpoints in educational curricula. Banning books is akin to supporting indoctrination of the children, only allowing them to see viewpoints and opinions that support and idealize those of the ones banning the books. Freedom is threatened if you aren't allowed to know of opposing viewpoints, no longer are you free, you are controlled.