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Those who profit from stoking moral panics have much to lose if their audience actually meets, or even learns about, the people they have been falsely taught to see as an insidious threat to the nation's morals. The scapegoats may change, but the grift is consistent. Book bans are uniquely beneficial to those who would keep us angry, divided, and afraid. They benefit no one else. They never have, and they never could.

From the 1945 United States War Department educational film "Don't Be a Sucker":
"We human beings are not born with prejudices. Always, they are made for us—made by someone who wants something. Remember that when you hear this kind of talk. Somebody's going to get something out of it, and it isn't going to be you."