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With children, we have always used a level of discretion different than that used for adults. It is absurd to pretend this isn't true. Using the word censorship as a pejorative doesn't change this. Discretion is not censorship, nor is it discrimination. Furthermore, it is anti-democratic for the state to usurp the power of the voters by stripping their respective school boards of the ability to discern what is right for their community. What may seem acceptable and relevant in Portland, may not apply to other districts. This is an authoritarian mandate to apply a top-down agenda from the majority party of Oregon onto all residents.