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Societies must readily have access to information in order to thrive. Suppression of the stories of any group of people because another finds it offensive is bad for society. It denies us the opportunity to learn from each other and see the world from another perspective. Broad and diverse perspectives culminate in a more complete world view. By prohibiting the story of any group, we are vastly limiting our understanding of the world. Parents have the inherent right to have some control over what their own child reads, but they have no right to monitor and filter what other children have access to. People who seek to censor the public's access to information are protecting their own interests, not our youth's or society's. You can't erase the existence and perspective of other people because it is inconvenient to your narrative. Your narrative has to be able to withstand all information, or it is a false narrative.