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I am genuinely baffled about how book bans are not simply a violation of our free speech rights.

Discriminatory book bans are just that, attempts to stamp out the free speech rights of certain groups, while ignoring content in other mediums with the same themes or violations.

Nobody can violate another person's right to free speech by banning books just because it's inconvenient to defend their own values when they are questioned. None of us have the right to deprive our children and students of information because we do not like it's content, sources or author. As long as they are correctly rated (which the vast majority seem to be) then additional actions have been and are a waste of school resources (especially libraries), especially at a time when reading skills are both important, and lagging behind in Oregon.