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If you wonder why children in America's failed government school monopolies aren't learning, perhaps it's because P.C.-crazed educrats are too busy acting as left-wing thought police.

Out in La-La Land, **educrats are rewriting history** to appease those who make a career of taking offense at reality. California's textbooks are being changed as follows, according to Fox News Channel:

[Why ever re-write history?  
What are the valid reasons, if any?]

- Even though all the signers of Constitution were specimens of those dreaded white males, "**Founding Fathers**" is a no-no, to be replaced by "**The Framers**."
- Pictures of **naughty foods** such as hot dogs, soft drinks, butter (*even though that's better for you than margarine*) and cake are **banned**.
- The euphemism "**senior citizen**," once politically correct, is now politically incorrect. The new P.C. term: "**older person**." Older than whom? Who knows?
- **Mount Rushmore can't be mentioned because "it appears to offend" some American Indians.** ("*American Indians*," of course, was long ago replaced by the silly term "*native Americans*," even though anyone born in the U.S. is a native American.)
- American **Indians can't be depicted with long braids**, in rural settings or on reservations, even though many American Indians have long braids and live in rural settings or on reservations.
- Snowmen aren't allowed. Snowpersons are. Hey, that could be part of sex ed.
- **Yachts can't be mentioned. Too elitist.**

- "Jungle" is banned; "rain forest" is the P.C. euphemism. (*Are all references to "swamp" changed to "wetlands"?*)

"I think our textbooks should to our greatest capacity be **free of any type of stereotyping**," Sue Stickel, who is "deputy superintendent for curriculum and instruction" for the so-called California Department of Education, told Fox News. "We need to make sure that all ethnicities are represented. We need to make sure that both males and females are represented. We need to make sure that our materials cover the full gamut."

[Is this really an effort to recognize our use of language has changed and to modify the text so it still means what it used to mean?

Or is it an attempt to not only inform but also to promote a world view?

How do we learn about Mount Rushmore or a yacht if it is not mentioned anymore? Is that just "changing the language" to reflect differences in language usage?]

Others, however, know what is going on.

"It's outright censorship," said author Diane Ravitch, who has written extensively on this school issue. "It dumbs down our textbooks, makes them bland, far less interesting than anything children might see in the movies - even in G-rated movies or TV.

[What is the purpose of history?

Can "history" be misused or misrepresented?]

"The problems that have happened in education is that the textbook publishers and the test developers have become so sensitive to any controversy that whenever they receive a complaint it is very likely that they will remove the source of the complaint," explained Ravitch.

And what about the complaints of those who are offended by P.C. lunacy?



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