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Alabama's Woke Textbooks

The Alabama State Board of Education approved social studies textbooks which will be used in public school classrooms for a number of years. A textbook review committee was appointed to review the texts presented by national textbook publishers for possible adoption. The committee reviewed the books, and submitted a list of books for approval by the Board. A number of parents and other interested parties also reviewed books as they were able and provided appropriate comments. In fact, the vote was delayed for a number of months due to the degree of public opposition.

At the March 12, 2026 meeting, after extended discussion, the list of recommended books was approved by the board on a 5-4 vote with the Governor providing the tie breaking vote necessary for approval. The four members in opposition to approval were Kelly Mooney, Alan Long, Jackie Ziegler, and Wayne Reynolds.

In contrast to the report from the review committee, parents and other interested parties found ideological themes that went well beyond basic facts. One of those who reviewed a number of the books up for approval was Emily Jones, a candidate for State School Board for District 6 in North Alabama. She wrote an op-ed article published in AL.Com on March 9, 2026 prior to the vote. While she did not mention specific books, she discussed general themes that were evident throughout the books. In that article, Jones said:

“First, there is a strong emphasis on activism as a model for students. Some lessons highlight modern protest movements and activist figures as examples of civic engagement, presenting demonstrations and youth

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activism as central ways for students to make their voices heard. While civic participation is an important concept, repeatedly framing activism as the primary model of engagement risks encouraging students to see protest culture as a normal expectation of their role in society before they even understand the issues involved.”



Jones went on to discuss that the texts had many lessons that introduce identity-based political movements as well as materials that introduce ideological political theory, including references to imagery and slogans tied to various movements without providing balanced historical context about the movement. Many of the books encourage students to view themselves primarily as global citizens rather than as citizens of the United States. The materials frame history as preparation for participation in a “global society” and emphasize developing a global identity as well as promoting radical environmentalism such as “global warming.”

An Eagle Forum board member, Pat Ellis, examined a number of the books in question. She found numerous areas of concern. Two of the most egregious are as follows:

1. A first grade social studies textbook article on climate change depicted, among other images, a stranded polar bear and a crying Greta Thunberg. The caption read: "People changed the climate, they polluted sea and sky. Polar bears lost icy homes-it all made Greta cry." First graders have not developed the level of critical thinking skills necessary to evaluate complex scientific issues. And it's not unreasonable to believe this story might make first graders fearful or sad.
2. A high school textbook had a discussion of the Mueller Report investigating Trump Russia collusion. The piece failed to mention the important fact that no evidence was found that Trump or his administration colluded with the Russians.



Difficult subjects should not be avoided, but, as Emily Jones expressed, “The concern arises when instructional materials move beyond teaching about history and civics and begin encouraging students to adopt particular political perspectives or view activism itself as a central part of their role as students.” Young students should not become political activists. They should be taught accurate history and values that are in alignment with parental and local values. **Eagle Forum believes the textbook review process needs major revisions!**

America - An Amazing Story

by Rev. John Killian



Our country is in the midst of celebrating two-hundred-fifty years as a free Constitutional Republic. The story of these United States is an amazing story, a story of an economy that has blessed the world, freedom of religion that has spawned spiritual impact across our globe, and a love for freedom that has influenced the world in the direction of freedom and human rights. While we could make no claim that our footprints in the world have always been righteous, on balance our influence on this world has been positive on human rights and for freedom. Due to American strength, the Iron Curtain fell. Due to American bravery, Hitler was defeated. Yes, our footprints in the world have been footprints of liberty, religious freedom and economic prosperity.

Throughout history, other great world powers have arisen and have declined. Perhaps the most dominant of all world powers in history has been the Roman Empire. Historians date the Roman Empire to the rule of Augustus in 27 AD, under whose rule commenced the Pax Romana, a long period of peace and prosperity. The Romans established a republican form of government. While certainly not perfect, the Roman Empire is still seen as a mighty force and a positive influence of innovation in the civilized world in that time period.

But the Roman Empire fell. What brought down this powerful Empire to the ash heap of world history? One reason was that Rome began to live on debt. The entire Empire would spend on national wants and ended up in bondage to those from whom they had borrowed. Proverbs 22:7 warns “the borrower is servant to the lender.”

Rome also fell because their greed had meant that they lived with endless wars, constantly embroiled in international conflict. These wars took their male citizenry away from Rome which led toward the home area being dominated by Germans and other nationalities. As a result, the population was diluted with those from other nationalities who had no loyalty to Rome.

These are important lessons we can and should learn from the history of the Roman Empire lest we lose the wonderful republic we celebrate. It is rarely a single big thing that causes a nation to fall, but a long list of small things that we should guard against. As John Adams said, “The nature of the encroachment upon [the] American constitution is such, as to grow every day more and more encroaching. Like a cancer, it eats faster and faster every hour.”

So, we celebrate the greatness of our Constitutional Republic and rejoice over the 250th birthday of our independence. May we determine that our country will survive for future generations. May our grandchildren live with the protection and guarantees of liberty due to the unique character of our United States Constitution. May we ever protect it!

Eagle Forum- Your Voice at the State House



The Alabama 2026 regular legislative session ended on April 9. The session saw a total of 1046 bills introduced. Of those, 402 passed both chambers and were sent to Governor Ivey for her signature. Some of those bills were priority bills for Eagle Forum and many others we supported and worked for their passage. Becky Gerritson, Eagle Forum Executive Director, was at the State House each day of the session often with volunteers such as Iva Hendon, Julia Cleland, and Lori Herring.

--One of our priority bills that passed was Sex Education Reform carried by Senator Shelnett. After a long 3 years of effort by Eagle Forum and others, SB209 with the passage of this bill, the students of Alabama who have been taught explicit sex education classes will instead be taught a Sexual Risk Avoidance curriculum that stresses sexual abstinence and self control.

---Another was the Ten Commandments/Founding Documents bill (SB99) by Senator Kelly. This bill was introduced last year by Rep. Mark Gidley and was scheduled for final passage but missed the cut for a vote on the last day. Sen. Kelley carried the bill this time and it passed both houses. This was a priority bill for Eagle Forum, and we are so glad it passed this session. We will be working with other groups to help implement the placement of the posters in schools.

---The App Store Accountability Act (HB161, Rep. Sells/Sen Chambliss) was another Eagle Forum priority. It strengthens age verification and parental consent requirements in app stores and puts parents back in the driver's seat in this area..

---Another priority bill was HB57 to lower the cost of voter rolls information. HB57 does lower the cost of obtaining a copy of the Alabama Voter Roll in electronic format from approximately \$38,000 (highest in the nation) to a maximum of \$1000. While this is a win for those who are engaged in voter integrity efforts, the bill also possibly has made it harder for such organizations to use the available data. So, this is a win/lose bill.

These are just a few of the bills that we championed this year. Others include bills to protect children from online porn and "sextortion" and to increase penalties for sex crimes against children. Eagle Forum also spent a lot of time and effort working against bills that do not support family values. We were very pleased that we didn't have to work to stop gambling legislation, but we expect that to be a hot topic in 2027 in the first year of the new quadrennium. We will continue to promote next year those bills we worked to pass this session that did not make it to the finish line.

After 25 years of advancing explicit sex education “indocrination” to the students in many of our public schools in Alabama, the Alabama Campaign for Adolescent Sexual Health (ACASH) announced to its supporters via email on May 5, 2026, it is closing its doors in Alabama. It took 3 years, but with the passage of SB209 in this year’s legislative session, they are moving on. SB209 provides that only sexual risk avoidance can be taught in Alabama public schools. Sexual Risk Avoidance (SRA) is a public health model focused on primary prevention, aiming to eliminate the risks associated with sexual activity among youth. Unlike Sexual Risk Reduction (SRR) education taught by ACASH, which normalizes sexual activity and emphasizes contraceptive use, SRA promotes the idea that young people can choose to abstain from sexual activity until marriage.

In April, Planned Parenthood released its annual report showing it killed a staggering 434,450 babies in abortions last year, 8% over the previous year. Most of those were from the online sale of abortion drugs, including mail orders provided to states that ban abortions, such as Alabama. Pro-life leaders are alarmed at the contrast between declining births overall and sustained abortion figures. Hugh Brown, vice president of American Life League, said that despite its cries that our tax dollars were taken from it, Planned Parenthood actually received a record amount of government funding last year. Of course, while the funds may not have been used exclusively for abortions, money is fungible and can easily flow in support of banned functions.

- LifeNews 4-9-26

White House 2027 budget proposes to cut funding for “woke ideology”. One such proposal will cut \$106 million from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, which funded a project at Seattle Children’s Hospital titled “Using Telehealth to Improve Access to Gender-Affirming Care for BIPOC (black, Indigenous, and people of color) and rural gender-diverse youth. The budget also asks Congress to eliminate the agency’s online tool called “Contraception For All” to help females identifying as males choose contraception, along with many similar programs.

- The Daily Signal 4-3-2026

“We face a hostile ideology...global in scope, atheistic in character, ruthless in purpose, and insidious in method. That hostile ideology is international Marxism and communism. Unfortunately, [it] has become embedded in the nation’s psyche and has joined forces with anarchism and radical Islam because they all have the common purpose of destroying the constitutional civic order of the United States.”

-President Eisenhower in his farewell address

-“Progressivism was the first mainstream American political movement--with the possible exception of the pro-slavery reactionaries on the eve of the Civil War-- to openly oppose the principles of the Declaration.” ---

-Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“America is another name for opportunity.”

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Eagle Forum Urges DOJ to Support Life

Eagle Forum (national and EF of Alabama) is pleased to join Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America and 76 pro-life groups on a letter to acting United States Attorney General Todd Blanche, urging him to use his new position “to reverse the DOJ’s harmful stance of siding with the abortion drug industry.”

The Biden administration removed regulations on the abortion drug mifepristone including requirements for in-person office visits to determine gestational age. Such rollbacks of common-sense restrictions on the drug have harmed women. In addition, in 2025, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved a generic version of the drug through a process that the Trump administration inherited but did not stop. Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Robert F. Kennedy has promised to do a thorough safety review of mifepristone, although little progress has been seen on the effort. In the meantime, during the delay, millions of lives are being destroyed.

The letter highlights a nationwide survey that finds 7 in 10 American voters — including 57% of liberal voters — are in favor of in-person doctor visits before these drugs can be prescribed. Another survey found that one-third of pro-life voters will lack enthusiasm to vote or volunteer for campaigns if the GOP abandons pro-life views. The issue of life may well be the deciding factor in many elections in November.

“The pipeline of chemical abortion drugs undercuts the incredible progress that the pro-life movement has made protecting unborn babies and their mothers, with the assistance of the Trump Administration and pro-life leaders in Congress,” said Eagle Forum President Kris Ullman. “We are grateful to President Trump for nominating sound Supreme Court Justices who rightly ruled that the U.S. Constitution does not contain a right to abortion. We are pleased that Planned Parenthood was defunded last year. But the pro-abortion forces have pivoted their efforts to destroy life through the abortion pill. We urge the Trump administration to reverse the dangerous Biden-era relaxed regulations, support pro-life states that are seeking to uphold their laws, and to do all in their power to stop access to these drugs through the mail.” Issued by national Eagle Forum President Kris Ullman, April 14, 2026.

Not only has the number of abortions increased due to mail order abortion pill availability, but the adverse events related to abortion pill use has dramatically increased. The rate of adverse events increased by a significant 13% when that requirement was removed by the Biden administration. As expressed above, Eagle Forum continues to push for in-person office visits for access to the abortion pill. The U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily halted Biden era abortion by mail, saying that the FDA must restore the in-person dispensing requirement for obtaining the pill. Unfortunately, the U. S. Supreme Court overruled that temporary order so online sales continue. The case was sent back to the 5th Circuit Appeals Court for full trial.

Understanding Islam in America

Understanding Sharia Law

The RAIR Foundation USA (Rise • Align • Ignite • Reclaim) is a grassroots activist and investigative journalism organization made up of everyday Americans leading a movement to reclaim our Republic from the network of individuals and organizations waging war on our nation — on our Constitution, our borders, and our Judeo-Christian values. They write extensively about the dangers of the spread of Islam in America. They recently posted a very insightful article entitled, “Sharia is Islam: Why the West Keeps Getting This Wrong.” The article explains that Sharia is not a personal or optional add-on to Islam but is Islam itself—a complete, compulsory divine (in their eyes) system of law, governance, and social order that every believing Muslim is religiously obligated to strive to implement wherever they live, making any permanent acceptance of secular law a doctrinal impossibility.

Excerpts from the article: Most Westerners instinctively treat “Islam” and “Sharia” as two different things. They assume a devout Muslim can be like a devout Jew or Christian: personally religious, privately observant, but perfectly able to live under secular law without trying to replace it.

After all, a religious Jew can follow Halacha at home and still accept American, Canadian or British civil law. A religious Christian can follow Canon law in church and still accept the Criminal Code. So why, they wonder, can’t Muslims do the same with Sharia? That assumption is a categorical error. It is the false dichotomy that lies at the heart of Western confusion about Islam.

Dr, Haitham al-Haddad, one of the most senior Islamic jurists in the English-speaking world, states the orthodox Islamic position with unusual charity and honesty. He did not present a personal opinion. He presented the classical position that is fully consistent with the Quran, the Sunnah, the major tafsirs (commentaries), and the scholarly consensus across the centuries. as well as Islamic sermons today across the west, and Islamic history. He said, “Sharia simply, is Islam. Sharia is Islam, Islam is Sharia. Both are the same thing...Once we talk about Sharia we are talking about Islam. Once we are talking about Islam, we are talking about Sharia. They are the same thing.” It is the doctrinal baseline. Sharia is not a personal moral code you can keep in your private life while accepting secular governance. Sharia is the complete system of law, governance, ethics, and social order that Allah has commanded for humanity. To accept Islam is to accept the obligation to work for the supremacy of that system.

This is why Islam functions, much as does communism, as an entirely different system of thinking--- not merely another parallax view of the same reality. Not attempting to understand Islam as a threat, or even its incompatible nature to western thought, is suicidal. We must understand this to protect our republic and our way of life.



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