# Context

Imagine you are apart of the American Library Association...



# Book Bans in the United States

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In the past 2 years, there were **5,894** books banned in K-12 Schools in the United States.

Why should you care if a book gets banned?

Books provide...

Access to Diversity in Education

Encouraging **Critical Thinking** through Exposure

Promoting Equal Access

Safeguarding Freedom of Expression

Developing Cultural Understanding

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## DATA

#### **PEN America's Index of School Book Bans**

Highlights restrictions on student access to books in US school libraries or classrooms

Includes: Title, Author, School District, State

Period: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023

Data collected each Year, Data is not cumulative

Some bans lifted, others ongoing.

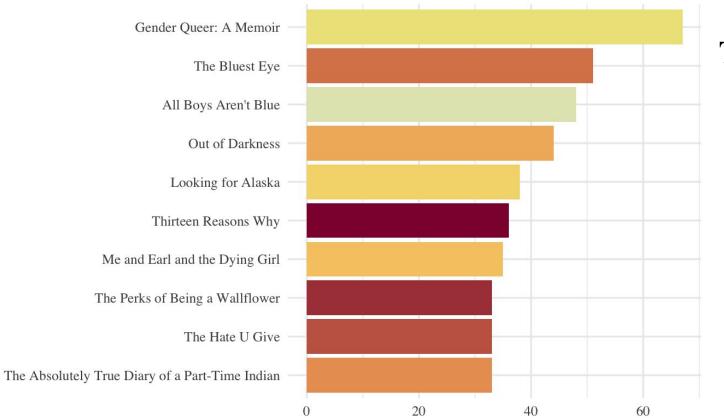
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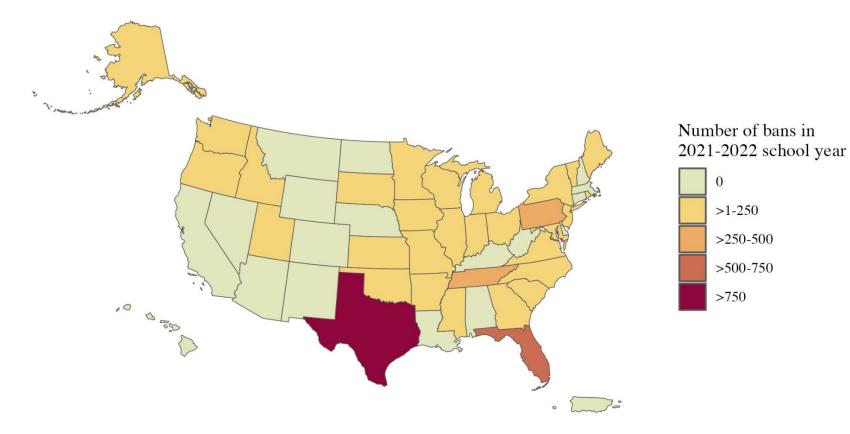
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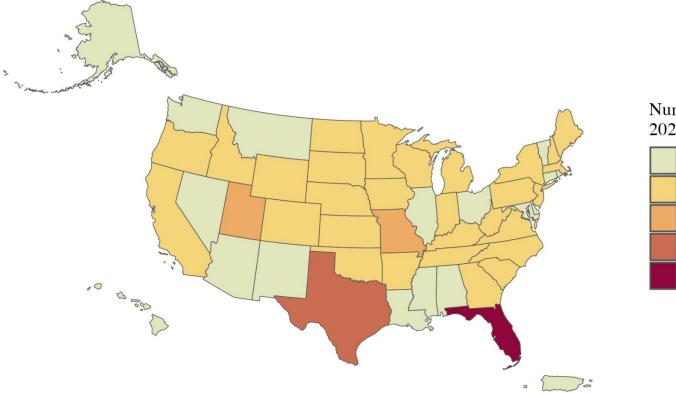
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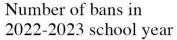
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- Coming-of-Age
- Social Issues
- Acceptance and Belonging
- Friendship and Relationships

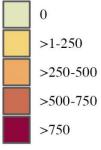
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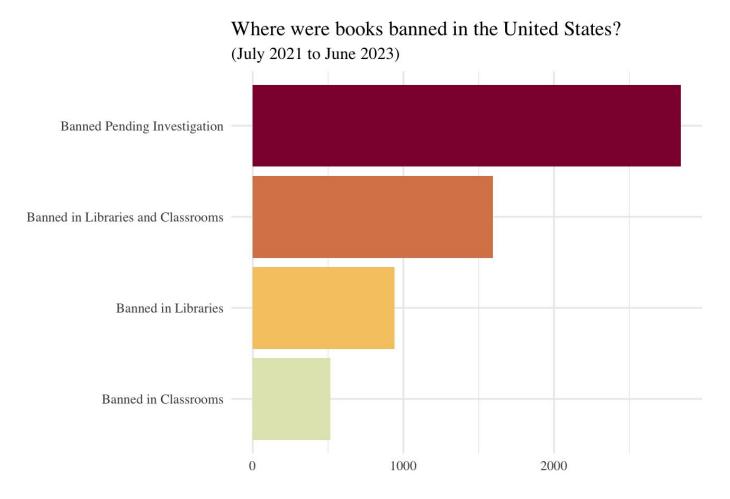


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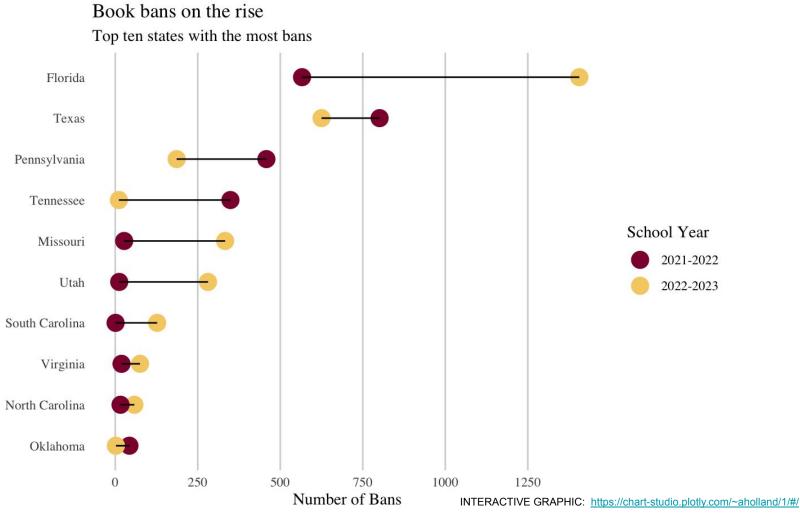








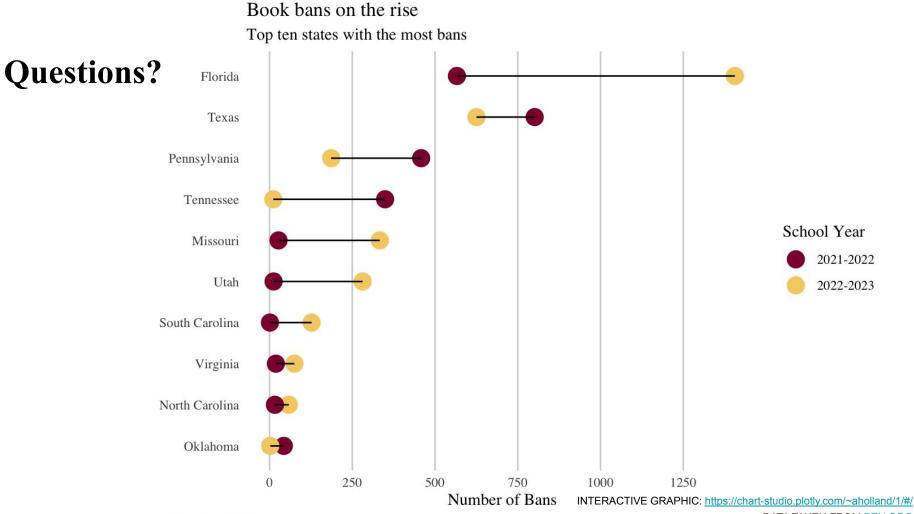
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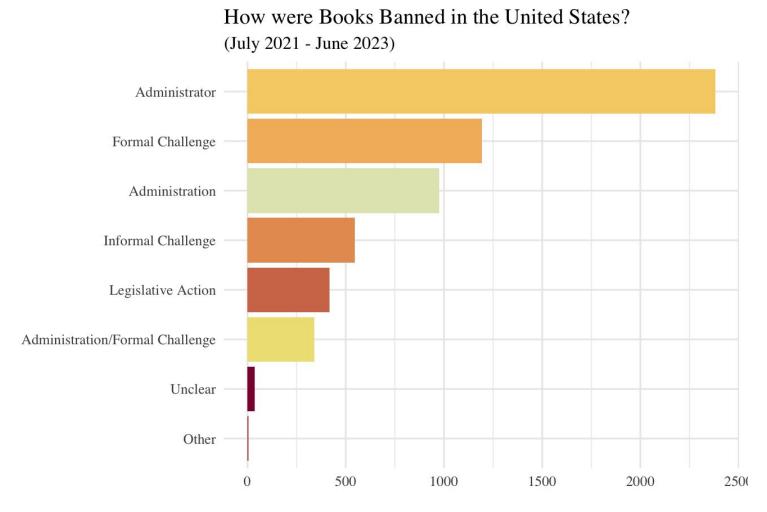
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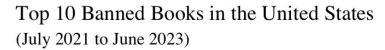


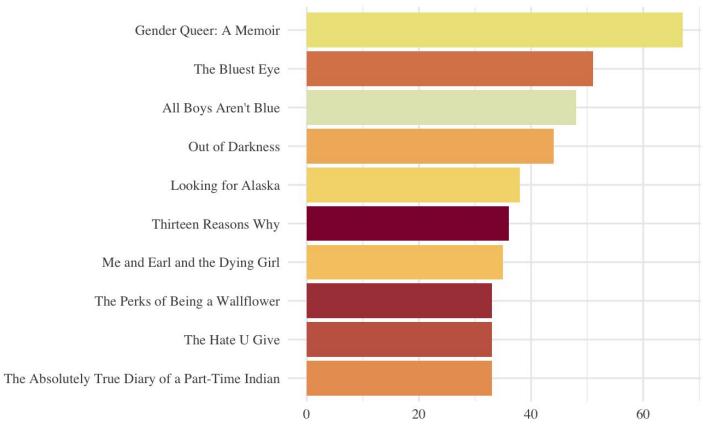
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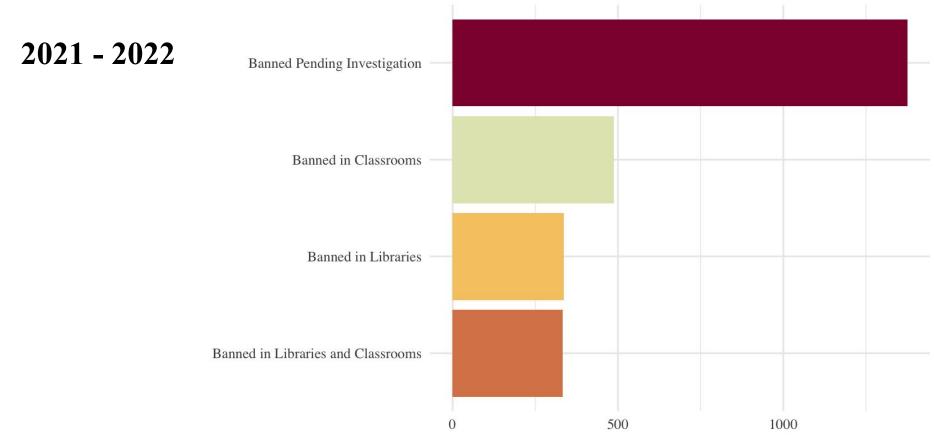
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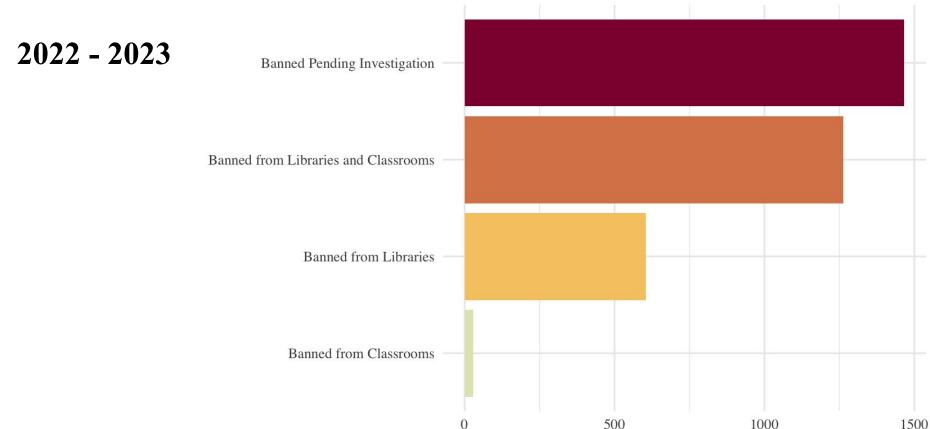




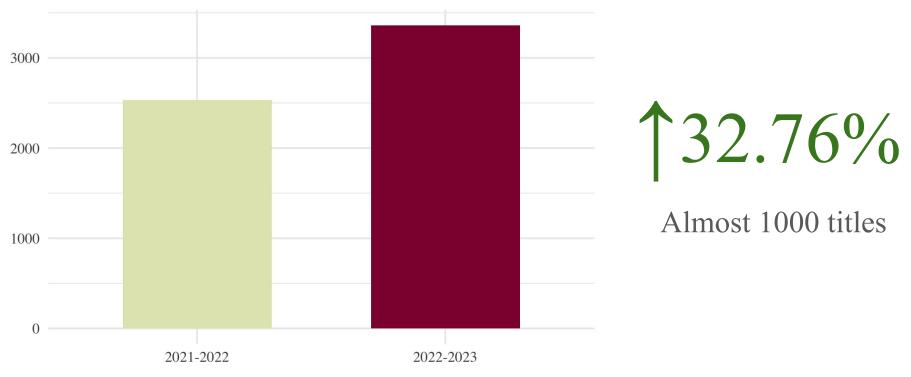
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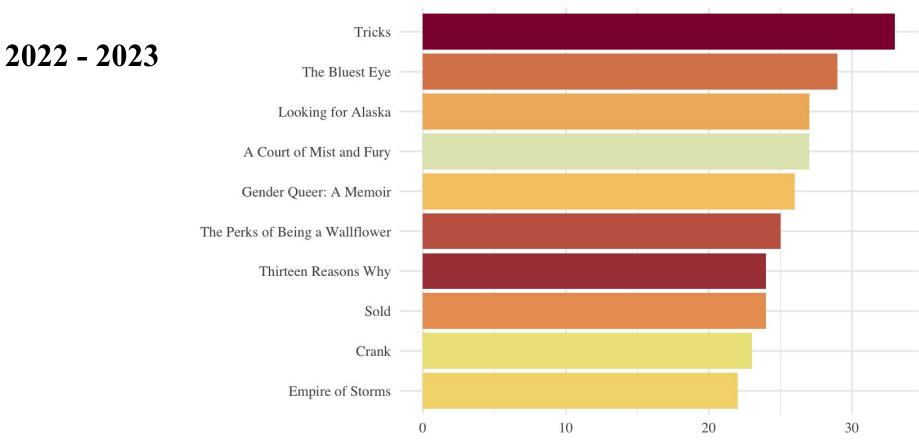
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## 2021 - 2022

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How Books were Banned in the United States?

