

# Banned and Challenged Books

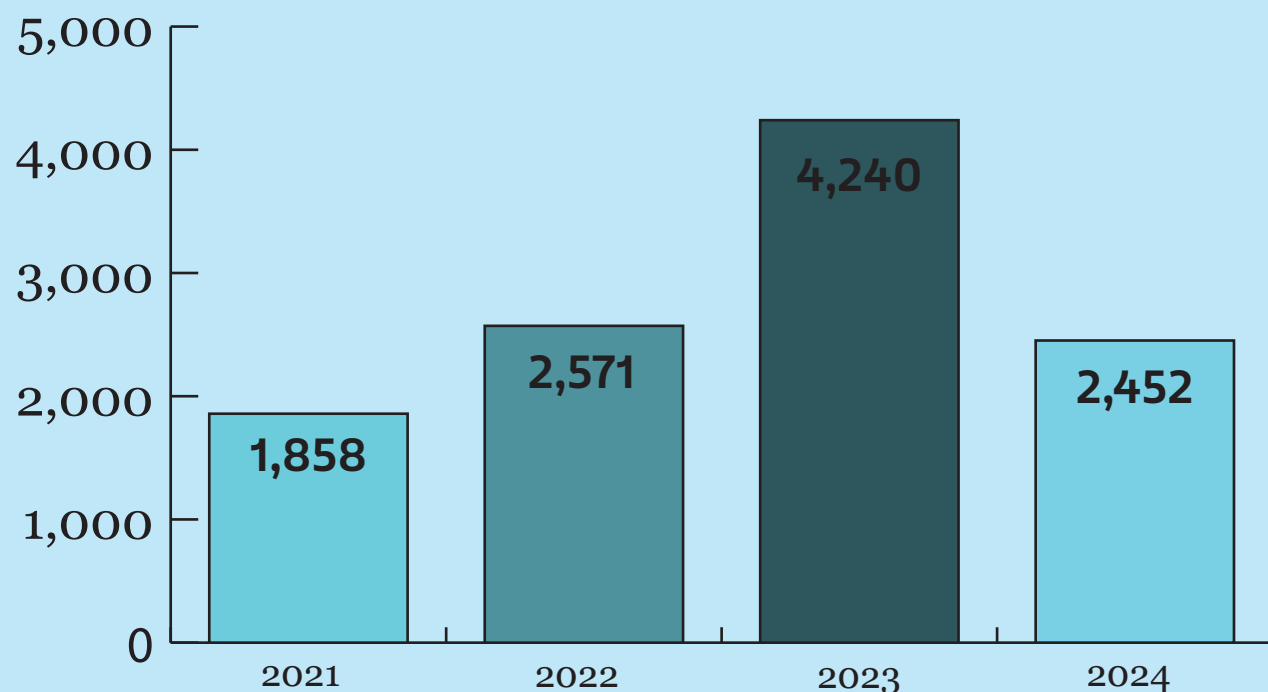
## EDUCATION CENSORSHIP IN AMERICA



In recent years, there have been cases of books in libraries and schools across the nation being banned or challenged. The most common reasons given for banning certain books is that they contain “explicit” or “inappropriate” content in regards to race, gender expression, sexuality, violence, profanity, etc. There are also various advocacy groups that raise awareness to this topic like Unite Against Book Bans and PEN America.

Butler University Banned Books Guide, American Libraries Association Banned and Challenged Books

Number of unique book titles challenged from 2021 to 2024



American Library Association Book Ban Data 2021-2024

### Top 5 Most Banned Books of 2024

All Boys Aren't Blue

GENDER QUEER: A MEMOIR

*The Bluest Eye*

The Perks of Being a Wallflower

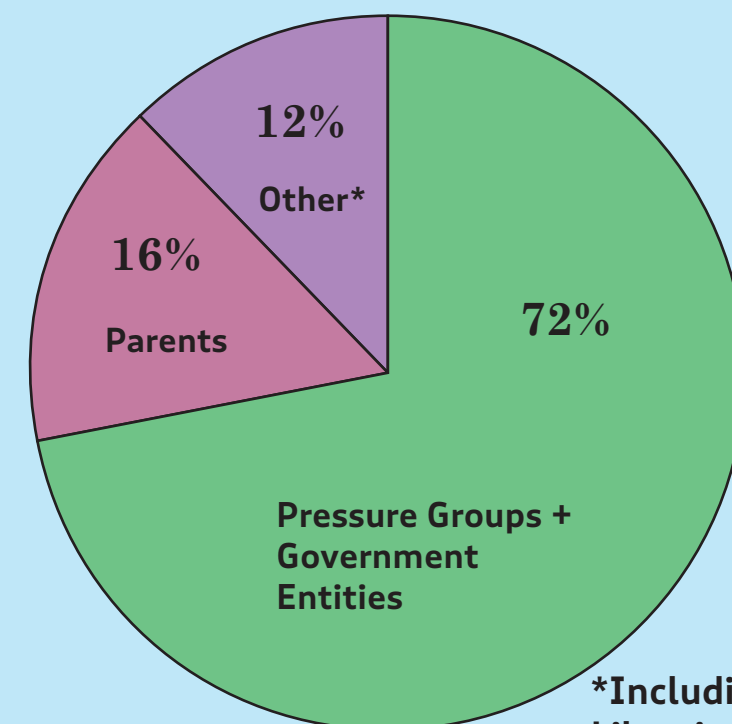
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American Library Association, Book Ban Data 2024

# 55%

of challenges happen to materials in public libraries

### Entities that challenge books in public and school libraries



\*Including Patrons, Librarians, Teachers, etc

American Library Association, Book Ban Data 2024