

Censorship by the Numbers

Books unite us. They reach across boundaries and build connections between readers. Censorship, on the other hand, divides us and creates barriers. In 2020, 273 books were affected by censorship attempts. **Learn more at ala.org/bbooks.**

Reasons for Challenges

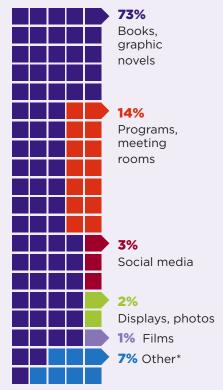
IRRESPONSIBLE GLORIFYING GAY MARRIAGE BRAINWASH CHILDREN VIOLENCE DRUGS BLACK LIVES MATTER CAUSED NIGHTMARES BLACK LIVES MATTER EXTREMELY LIBERAL IMMATURE BODILY FUNCTIONS OBJECTIONABLE CONTENT OBJE

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Who Initiates Challenges? 50% Parents 20% Patrons 11% Board/administration 9% Political/religious groups Librarians/teachers 4% Elected officials 1% Students Statistics based on 147 responses

Books and Beyond

The ALA's Office for Intellectual Freedom tracked 156 challenges in 2020. Here's the breakdown:



* Includes filtering, access, databases, magazines, online resources, legislation

Where Do Challenges Take Place?

Statistics based on 156 responses













