

Shakespeare and penguin book get caught in Florida's 'Don't Say Gay' laws – Suggested outline

Introduction : More and more books have been challenged or banned in American schools and libraries recently. Now, even the works of Shakespeare are under attack in Florida. This is what this article published on npr.org in August is about. It discusses Florida's so-called "Don't Say Gay" laws and the numerous questions that they raise.

The Actual summary

- Students in Florida are not allowed to read Shakespeare's full works → only extracts

Reason : "Don't Say Gay laws" → gender identity & sexual orientation may not be discussed in the classroom.

Books are not banned = students can still read them on their own

But school curriculum has to follow the rules and respect the law.

- **Transition :** It's not only about Shakespeare, though.

Other books have been attacked over the past few years

Example : Children's book about a couple of gay penguins who hatched and took care of a chick

The access to the book was restricted before the decision was finally reversed / overturned

But the danger still exists → hundreds of books are under attack.

- The legislation has been heavily criticized.

Fight between Republican governor (and presidential hopeful) de Santis and people / companies that oppose such laws.

For example, Disney was punished by Gov DeSantis after the company criticized the new legislation.

- **Transition :** On top of that, the new law poses a few problems for teachers and students.

For instance, will it be possible for students to follow psychology courses without any reference to gender or sexual orientation?

This question remains unanswered.

- **WRAP-UP (bilan)**

To conclude...

At the end of the day...

All in all...

The upshot is...

The bottom line is...

...“Don’t Say Gay” laws are highly controversial and are revealing of the ongoing culture war not only in Florida, but in America as a whole.