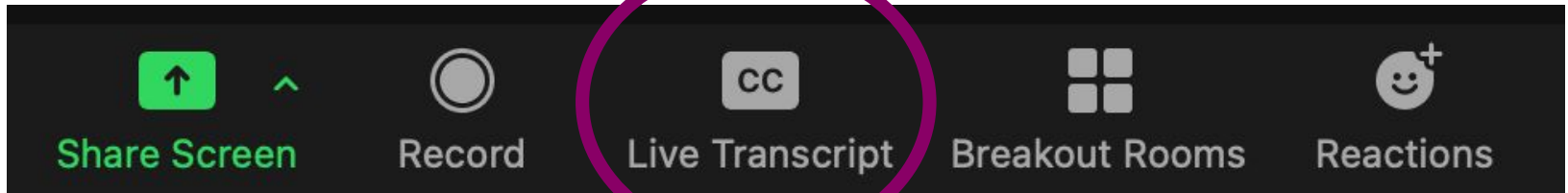


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Honesty Lunch & *Learn*

Youth Voice and Student Leaders
Building Intergenerational Power for Ohio Education



Welcome!

Piet van Lier (he/him/his)

*Co-Founder
Honesty for Ohio Education*



We Are

Coalition

Nonpartisan, Statewide, Diverse Stakeholders

Pillars

Educate • Advocate • Build Community

Priorities

Statehouse • State Board of Ed • Schools

Resources

News, Info, Events, Programs, Organizing



Agenda

Statehouse Briefing

Building STUDENT Power for Ohio Education

- Kris Crider, OSA
- Clovis Westlund, Honesty
- Arianna Kelawala, OPAWL

Q&A

TAKE ACTION

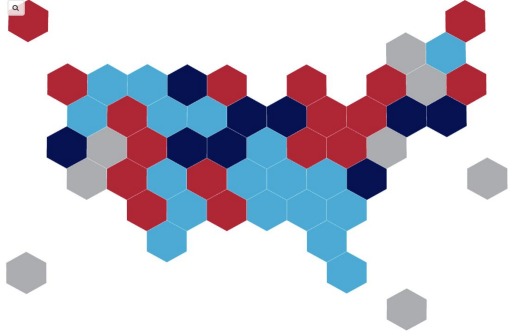
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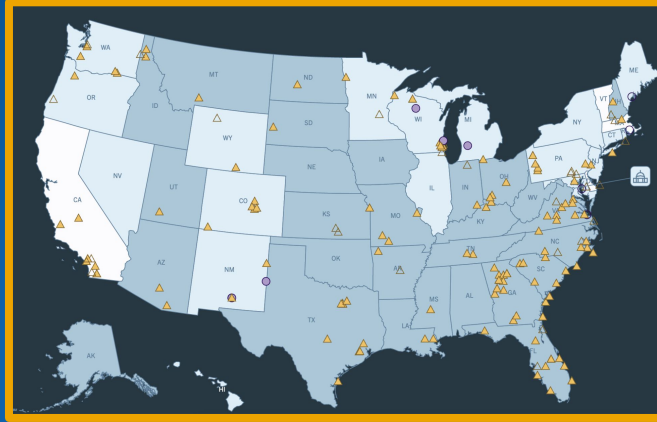
State of Ohio Education

K-12 Culture War Bills

- Bill was signed into law or a similar state-level action was approved
- Bill has been vetoed, overturned, or stalled indefinitely
- No state-level action or bill introduced
- Bill has been proposed or is moving through state legislature



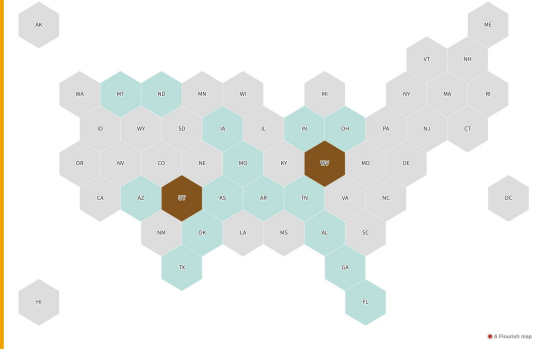
K-12 Anti-CRT Bills



Higher Ed Destruction Bills

Where Anti-DEI Legislation Has Been Proposed

- No bill
- Introduced
- Tabled or failed to pass



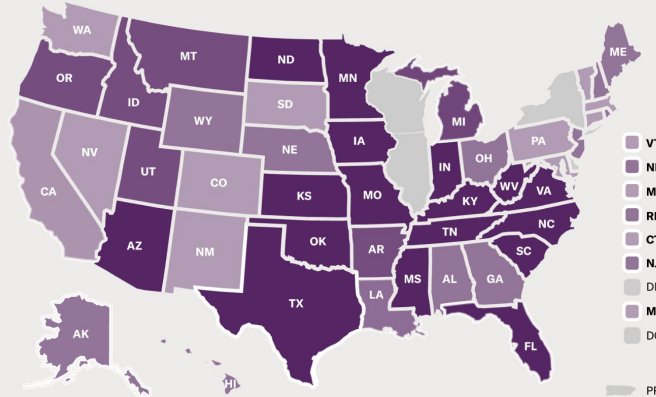
2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The ACLU is tracking **490** anti-LGBTQ bills in the U.S.

Choose a state on the map to show the different bills targeting LGBTQ rights and take action. While not all of these bills will become law, they all cause harm for LGBTQ people.

[View past legislative sessions.](#)

Bills per state



- VT
- NH
- MA
- RI
- CT
- NJ
- DE
- MD
- DC
- PR

STATEHOUSE

National extremist agenda imported into Ohio

GOAL:

- Disrupt, dismantle, defund public education
- Create flight to privatized education
- Distract from REAL education issues
- Perpetuate othering, discrimination, hate

HOW:

- Weaponize race, identity, faith
- Villainize educators and staff
- Cast chilling effect on education
- Pass extremist legislation

Censorship & Curriculum

SB 83/HB 151 - Higher Ed Destruction Act

HB 103 - State Overhaul of K12 Social Studies

SB 17 - Free market capitalism in financial literacy

SB 117 - "Intellectual Diversity" Centers in OSU & UT

Anti-LGBTQ+

HB 6 - Trans athlete ban

HB 8 - Unsafe Student Act - forced outing of students

HB 68 - Gender-affirming healthcare ban

HB 113 - Detrans Awareness Day

HB 183 - K12 & Higher Ed Restroom Ban

Education Governance

SB 1 & HB 12 - State takeover of public education

Education Funding / Private Schools

HB 1 - State taxation bill, guts local govt & school funding

HB 10 - Phase-in of Fair School Funding Plan

SB 11 & HB 11 - Universal voucher programs

Educator Profession

SB 14 - US veterans as unlicensed teachers

HB 48 - Professional misconduct & indoctrination



Building STUDENT Power

State Budget

Honesty Welcomes

Kris Crider (*she/her/hers*)
Organizing Fellow
Ohio Student Association





OHIO STUDENT ASSOCIATION

State Budget & Equitable School Funding



**ORGANIZING
STUDENTS &
BUILDING POWER
SINCE 2012.**

OSA



*Thanks to Policy Matters Ohio and Honesty for Ohio Education for most of the content in these slides!

The Ohio Student Association

OSA is a political home for young people in Ohio. We are a statewide grassroots organization led by young people and anchored by student-led chapters on college campuses across the state.

Here's what we do:

- Organize young people to build independent political power
- Craft strategic campaigns and take direct action to win on the issues that impact us and our communities
- Grassroots organizing training and political education



OSA's Big Vision

- Free public higher education for all Ohioans
- Racially just and equitable higher education system in Ohio
- Full cancelation and an end to student loan debt
- Increase attainment of higher education in Ohio to 70% of adults having a degree
- An electorate that more accurately reflects the population of young people in Ohio, and a powerful voting bloc of young people who are voting strategically together to advance these aims



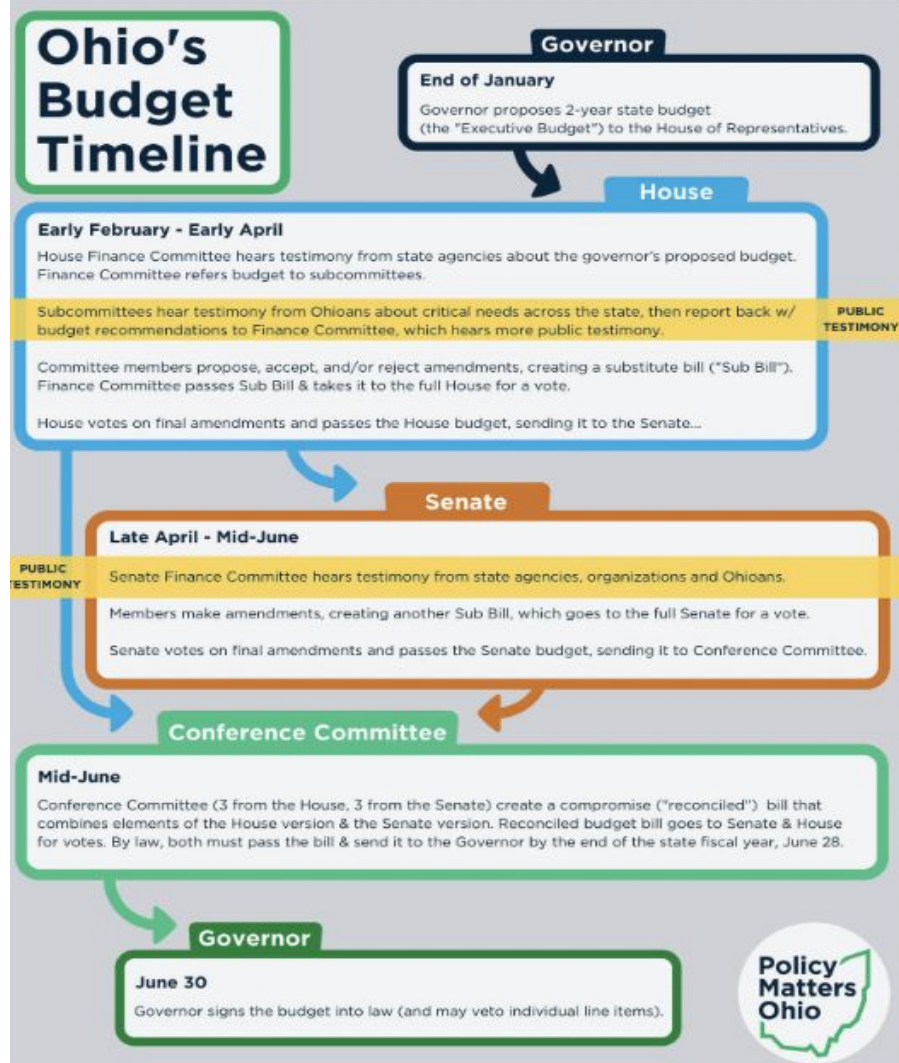
The Problem Facing Higher Education

- Black, white, or brown, we all deserve a higher education system where a debt-free degree is possible for everyone regardless of race or how much their parents earn.
- When the barriers to higher education are this high, we exclude and punish young people for wanting a better life for themselves and their families. Punitive policies such as transcript withholding make it harder for struggling students to pay off their education debt and move on with their lives.
- From Cleveland to Cincinnati, Akron to Columbus, we all benefit when all of us have a fair shot at getting an excellent college education that helps us fulfill our potential and pursue our dreams.



Budget 101

- Governor introduces budget framework to spend state revenue (our tax dollars)
- They have BILLIONS, and it must be balanced
- Starts with House version
- Then goes the Senate version
- Conference committee reconciles the two versions of the bill
- Full floor vote by June 30th



Higher Education: Our Asks

- **State Share of Instruction:** We need more! The governor's proposed 3% boost was a step in the right direction, but the House version cut that. Neither would keep up with inflation.
- **Access Challenge:** We are happy to see the governor propose \$40 million to support students facing barriers to getting a degree. The House cut that entirely; the Senate should restore this line item.



Higher Education: Our Asks

- **Ohio College Opportunity Grant:** The House made huge cuts to the governor's long-overdue increases. These cuts would mean little will change, and we continue to advocate that OCOG be restructured into a first-dollar grant to be used for things beyond just tuition (like books, housing, etc.) and expanded to include community college and regional campus students.
- **Prioritize Enrollment and Education over Debt Collection:** End transcript withholding and get the Ohio Attorney General out of the debt collection process.





Rally at SCOTUS for Student loan debt cancellation




SB 83 Protest



X HOW TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON CAMPUS

OHIO STUDENT ASSOCIATION



OSA brings together young Ohioans from different backgrounds and with different experiences to build independent political power and organize around the issues we care about.

JOIN OSA

MEMBERSHIP FORM



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Building STUDENT Power
Academic Freedom

Honesty Welcomes

Clovis Westlund (*they/them*)

*Student Organizer
Honesty for Ohio Education*





STUDENT ORGANIZING ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM & CENSORSHIP

CLOVIS WESTLUND



How I Began

High School

College



Does EdChoice promote accessibility or segregation – or both?

By Clovis Westlund
Published December 15, 2021 at 6:00 AM EST



▶ LISTEN

HB 616 - Don't Say Gay, Don't Say Race Bill



College continued



Outraged Ohio college students made it clear, Senate Bill 83 'irredeemable' | OSU student

Clovis Westlund Guest Columnist

Published 6:02 a.m. ET April 25, 2023 | Updated 12:45 p.m. ET April 26, 2023



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SB 83 - The Higher Education Destruction Act

Honesty for
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Anti-Trans Legislation in the 2020s: Politics, Power, and Impact

December 5, 2022

Categories: Article, News, Op-Ed, YWCA Allies On A Mission

By: Clovis Westlund, Leadership & Social Justice Intern




What now?

- Academic freedom, DEI, and labor rights at Ohio public higher education institutions are **under attack, all in the name of student rights without the real voices and experiences of students being valued in the policy process.**

01 How Students can Build Power

02 How Adults, Faculty, and Allies can support Student Power

03 How Students can join the fight against SB 83



Building STUDENT Power
Multicultural Curriculum

Honesty Welcomes

Arianna Kelawala (*she/her/hers*)

Campaign Organizer
Educating for Ohio's Future
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How Did I End Up Here?

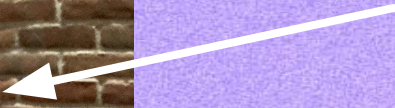








Ms. Pizzico



Why is it important to bring students in?

- **Young people reach other young people better than anyone else can**
- **Young people bring new, creative ideas to the forefront**
- **Students are the future- if we give them opportunities to get involved, take on leadership roles, and shine now? Imagine how powerful they can be in a few years**

How can we meaningfully bring students in?

- **Build meaningful relationships with students**
- **Assess what barriers students might face to getting involved—
what time are your meetings? How can you make your spaces
more student friendly?**
- **Make sure you're looking at the type of students you're bringing in.
Are they from marginalized identities? If not, why?**



What is HB 171?

Update Ohio's K-12 model curriculum for social studies to include age- and grade- appropriate instruction in the migration journeys, experiences, and societal contributions of a range of communities in Ohio and the U.S., including:

- African American communities;
- Asian American and Pacific Islander communities;
- Arab, African, and North African immigrant, refugee, and asylee communities;
- Appalachian communities;
- Jewish communities;
- Latin American communities;
- Native American communities.

How we are bringing students in:

- **Giving them access to leadership roles and trainings to build important advocacy skills**
- **Asking student organizations to endorse our campaign and join the Educating for Ohio's Future Coalition**
- **Making our spaces accessible by doing evening meetings, working around school schedules, providing transportation to events, etc**



JOIN US



STATEHOUSE DAY

Legislative training will be provided for all attendees. Meals, snacks, and out-of-town transportation will also be provided!

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Sq, Columbus, OH
10 AM - 4 PM



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Let's Talk!

What can you do?

TAKE ACTION!



Statehouse

Learn About Bills & Policy
Prepare Testimony
Engage Legislators
Share Info & Action Alerts
Submit LTEs & Op-Eds
VOTE!!!



State Board of Ed

Follow SBOE Activities
Attend SBOE Meetings
Engage SBOE Members
Submit LTEs & Op-Eds
VOTE!!!



Local Schools

Research Your District
Attend Board Meetings
Engage Brd, Admin, Tchrs
Organize Community
Submit LTEs & Op-Eds
VOTE!!!

Coming Up...

Legislative Advocacy Training, Hosted by OPAWL

Wed, June 7, 6pm | Virtual **REGISTER**

Statehouse Day! Educating for Ohio's Future

Tues, June 13, 8:30-5pm | **REGISTER**

SBOE Monthly Meeting, Mon & Tues, June 12 & 13 | ODE or **The Ohio Channel**

Rally for Honest Education, Hosted by Bainbridge UCC

Sat, June 17, 11am | Bainbridge Community UCC, 17751 Chillicothe Rd, Chagrin Falls

Stay Connected

- JOIN** the Honesty Mailing List
- FOLLOW** @Honesty4OhioEd
- ATTEND** Events & Programs
- SHARE** Alerts, Newsletter, Info
- INVITE** Us to Your Community/Org



Resources

Honesty for Ohio Education

- Mailing List [HERE](#)
- Legislation Tracker [HERE](#) | Flyer [HERE](#)
- Website [HERE](#)
- Social Media: [FB](#) ● [Instagram](#) ● [Twitter](#)

State of Education

- Track Actions Across US [K-12](#) | [CRT](#) | [HE](#)
- Roots of Critical Race Theory Campaign [HERE](#)
- Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping [HERE](#)

Statehouse

- Honesty Legislation Tracker [HERE](#)
- Ohio Legislature Site [HERE](#)

State Board of Education

- Each Child Our Future Strategic Plan [HERE](#)
- Whole Child Framework [HERE](#)
- Education Resources [HERE](#)
- Anti-LGBTQ+ Resolution [HERE](#)
- Anti-Racism and Equity Resolution [HERE](#)
- Gerrymandering SBOE Districts [HERE](#)

Local Schools

- 2022 KIDS COUNT Data Book [HERE](#)
- 2022 KIDS COUNT Ohio Data Profile [HERE](#)
- Finding Unity and Common Ground [HERE](#)
- ACLU Ohio Student Rights Handbook [HERE](#)

Thank You

