

Was Dr. Seuss really 'canceled?'



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Talking Points

1. What do these cartoons say about the controversy over the decision to stop producing 6 of the more than 60 Dr. Seuss books because of drawings that used racial stereotypes?
2. Do you agree with pundits who said the Seuss copyright owners were "canceling" the books because of political correctness? Why or why not?
3. Could young children easily understand how racial attitudes have changed since the 6 books were created in the 1930s?
4. What books have faced bans for being "gay" or "satanic"?

Between the lines

"It's important for people to know that Dr. Seuss was someone who became aware of his use of stereotypes in his early work." - Shellie Cocking, San Francisco Public Library

<https://datebook.sfchronicle.com/books/bay-area-bookstores-parents-grapple-with-controversy-surrounding-racist-dr-seuss-books>

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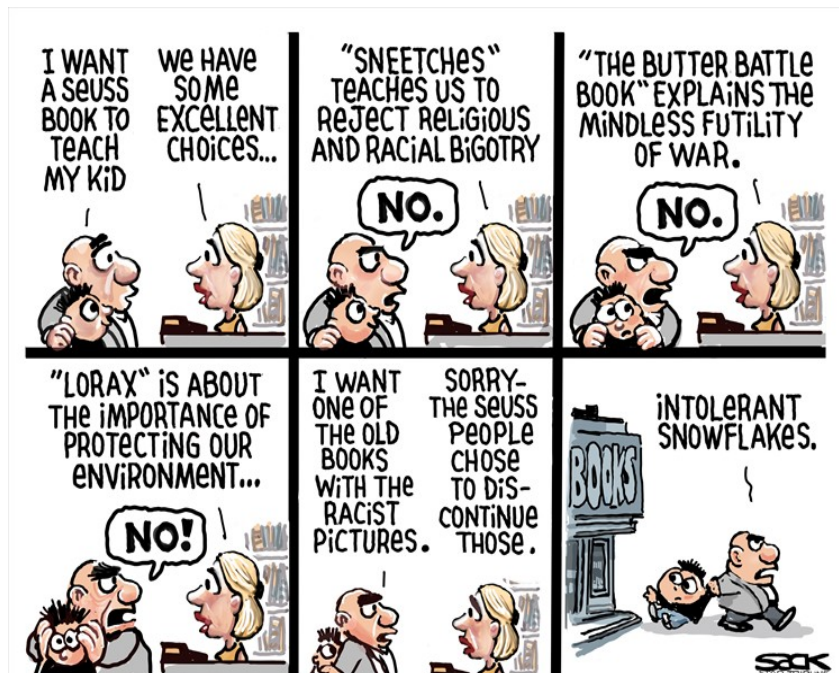
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