

## **LRC 576 – Teacher Research (Nicholas)**

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**Watch the movie:** *Stand and Deliver*

**Read:**

### 1) House Bill 2281

Policy : THE LEGISLATURE FINDS AND DECLARES THAT PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS SHOULD BE TAUGHT TO TREAT AND VALUE EACH OTHER AS INDIVIDUALS AND NOT BE TAUGHT TO RESENT OR HATE OTHER RACES OR CLASSES OF PEOPLE.

A SCHOOL DISTRICT OR CHARTER SCHOOL IN THIS STATE SHALL NOT INCLUDE IN ITS PROGRAM OF INSTRUCTION ANY COURSES OR CLASSES THAT INCLUDE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

1. PROMOTE THE OVERTHROW OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT.
2. PROMOTE RESENTMENT TOWARD A RACE OR CLASS OF PEOPLE.
3. ARE DESIGNED PRIMARILY FOR PUPILS OF A PARTICULAR ETHNIC GROUP.
4. ADVOCATE ETHNIC SOLIDARITY INSTEAD OF THE TREATMENT OF PUPILS AS INDIVIDUALS.

### 2) Articles from Daily Star:

January 11, 2012: “TUSD board shuts down Mex. American Studies” (2 parts)

January 13, 2012: “100 leave Cholla classes to protest undoing of Mex. Am. Stu.”

January 18, 2012: “Attack on Mexican-American Studies shortsighted”

January 18, 2012: “TUSD rejects report of book ban”

January 20, 2012: “Students forgotten in TUSD fiasco”

### 3) Letters to the Editor:

Our Mexican Heritage Should be Treasured, by Gregg Schmidt

Banning Literature is Wrong Thing To Do, by Sal Gabaldon

Response Questions:

- Doesn't being an individual mean you are allowed to participate in your own culture? Or are we all to do away with our individual cultures and assimilate into a “melting pot culture” designed by the dominant government?
- Is it a crime to study individual cultures and governments and how they have made an impact upon the United States of America?
- Are all of the other ethnic studies being banned from TUSD?
- Will it always be the case that the one's with the purse strings are destined rule over the rights of what students are taught in the classrooms?
- The judge talked about no damage to the teachers, but what about the damage to the students. To me, the judge is taking the students out of the equation and saying to them that your history is not important to Arizona and the United States of America.
- Isn't it ironic that the history of the oppressed is being brought to life in classrooms of TUSD?