



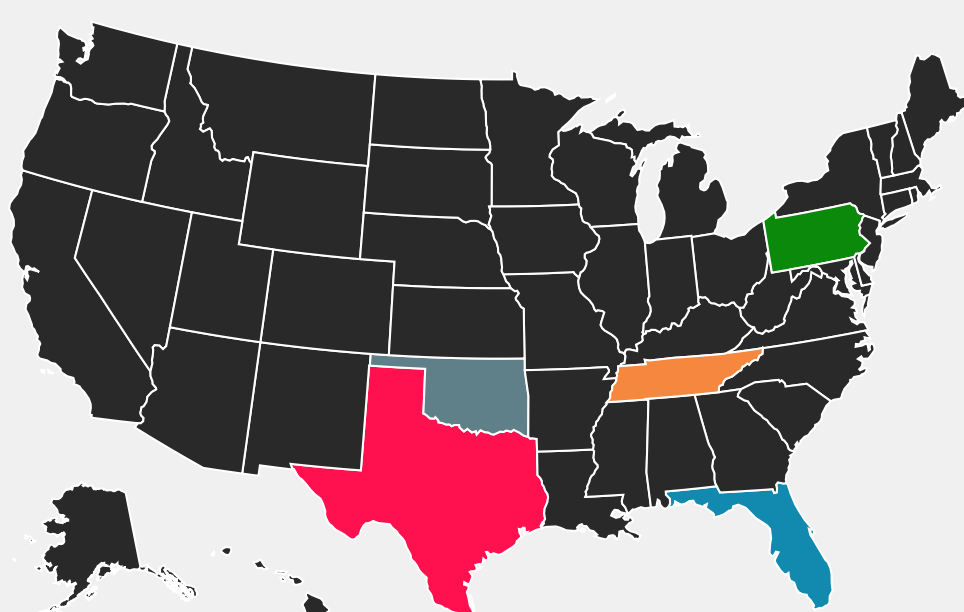
Book Bans & Educational Gag Orders

Understanding the Issues



2,532 Books Banned in the U.S.

From June 2021 to June 2022, over 2,500 books were banned from student access in school libraries and/or classrooms (Pen America, 2022)



Top 5 States

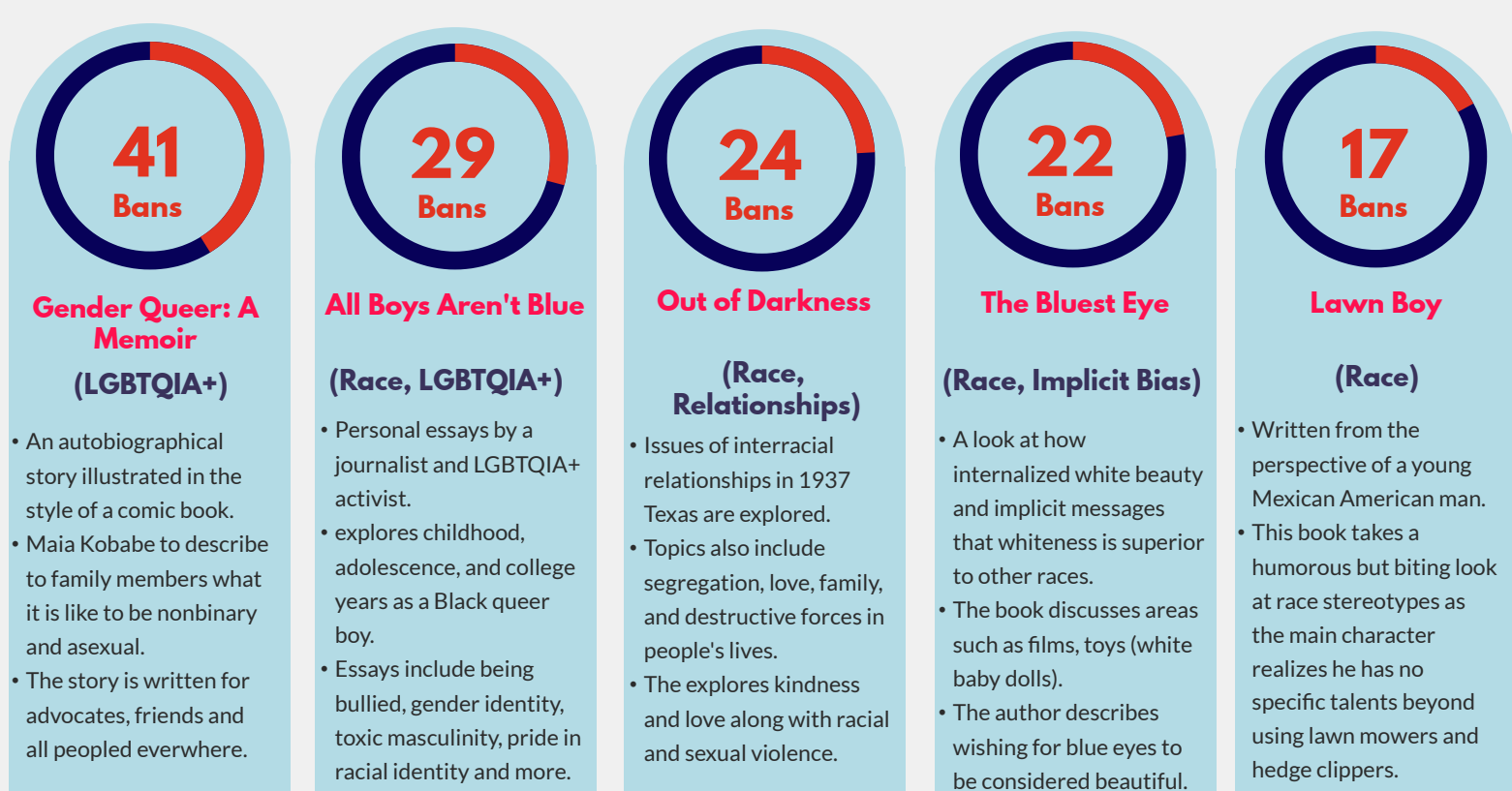
Here are the 5 states with the most books banned:

Texas	801
Florida	566
Pennsylvania	458
Tennessee	349
Oklahoma	43

While many books are banned pending investigation, many others are banned outright.

Top 5 Banned Books in the U.S.

The majority of the books on the banned list deal with gender or racial diversity and inclusion



Gag Order Bills

January-September 2021

Although most bills have failed, they represent an overt attempt by some legislators to leverage government to "censor and restrict viewpoints, intellectual frameworks, and historical truths or narratives they dislike." (Pen America 2022)

Gag Order Bills - In Numbers



To learn more or get involved

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