

A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA REPUBLICAN PARTY CALLING FOR PROTECTING THE MINDS OF MINORS

Whereas, South Carolina Title 16 Chapter 15 Sections 305 et. Seq. clearly state that it is illegal to disseminate obscene material to minors; and

Whereas, public libraries and public schools are exempt from the above law; and

Whereas, it is no longer sufficient to consider a book that is classified as “Young Adult” or “Juvenile” as containing material that is age-appropriate to minors; and

Whereas, The American Library Association has adopted a liberal interpretation of “Freedom to Read”, meaning that it is permissible to provide obscene materials to minors; and

Whereas, library books do not have ratings such as “R”, “PG13”, “PG”, “G” as movies do; and

Whereas, increasingly more and more books in the above-referenced categories would merit an “R” rating if they were to be rated the same way movies are; and

Whereas, most parents are unaware of the obscene content in the modern literature intended for minors;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the South Carolina Republican Party, on behalf of its members:

1. Urges the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate to pass legislation that will put an end to this type of material being made readily accessible to minor;
2. Urges the South Carolina House of Representatives and Senate and local County and City Council to withhold funding to libraries that continue not only to place these materials in areas that are accessible to minors, but to recommend them to minors, even when the parents have explicitly told the librarians the disapprove of such material.