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<sup>1</sup> Media specialistswere told that "we [are] removing books from any schoolor mediacenter, Prek 12 if a character has, for example, two mothers or because there is gay bestriend or a main character gay[.]" This includes books selected by students for silent sustained ading inclass, or book reports or anything involving instruction and even "after school book clubs un by teacher." In short, "LBGTQ characters or themes... cannot exist." Incl3M0 ((a)-1ec4 2 Tc 0 Tw 1.07[e3 303.4n)] 10 Tw 2.2 0 Td ()Tj [(s)-1 (c)4 (h)-10 (c)4 (h)-1