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Transcription of commentary:

A few weeks ago, the **American Library Association announced** with much fanfare that it was celebrating the ridiculous event called "Banned Books Week." This announcement accused Americans of being "**zealots and bigots who live in fear of discourse**" and of being "**screamers and book banners and book burners.**" This Association arranged events and set up displays at libraries all over the country to pretend we have a problem with censorship.

The American Library Association puts out a list of books that it claims are being censored, which is a fraud because only government can engage in censorship and I assure you that our government is not censoring books. A so-called list of "banned books" was created by crying "censorship" anytime library patrons or parents of public school children complain about risqué books being given to their children. The American Library Association claims that there were 186 cases of supposed censorship last year. But those were merely cases of ordinary people filing complaints with schools or libraries. Nearly all of these challenges to books took place at schools, and the rest of the complaints involved books available in the youth or children's section of public libraries. These complaints had nothing to do with any book read by an[y] adult. These people accused of being "book banners" are just ordinary parents who want to limit their own children's exposure to material they consider harmful or obscene.

Banned Books Week is not a celebration of free speech. It's a way for leftwing bureaucrats to bully ordinary citizens by stigmatizing those who complain with nasty names such as 'bigots,' 'screamers,' and 'book burners'. The purpose is to intimidate parents from ever complaining about books that are given to their own children.

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