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2<sup>D</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 8705

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 7, 2026

Mr. OWENS introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and Workforce

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Civics and History Ad-  
5       vancement to Restore Learning, Integrity, and Education  
6       Act” or the “CHARLIE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING AMERICAN HISTORY AND CIVICS**  
2 **FUNDS FOR RADICAL INDOCTRINATION.**

3 Section 2231 of the Elementary and Secondary Edu-  
4 cation Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 6661) is amended by add-  
5 ing at the end the following:

6 “(c) PROHIBITIONS.—

7 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount made avail-  
8 able to carry out this subpart, no funds may be used  
9 for discriminatory equity ideology or gender ide-  
10 ology.

11 “(2) PRIORITY.—In awarding grants under this  
12 subpart, the Secretary may not give priority to an  
13 eligible entity on the basis of race, sex, sexual ori-  
14 entation, gender identity, or immigration status, in-  
15 cluding with respect to—

16 “(A) the identity or purpose of the eligible  
17 entity;

18 “(B) the identity of the individuals who  
19 control, are employed by, or are served by the  
20 eligible entity; or

21 “(C) the proposed activities to be carried  
22 out under such a grant.

23 “(d) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

24 “(1) DISCRIMINATORY EQUITY IDEOLOGY.—The  
25 term ‘discriminatory equity ideology’ has the mean-  
26 ing given the term in section 2 of Executive Order

1 14190 (90 Fed. Reg. 8853; relating to ending rad-  
2 ical indoctrination in K–12 schooling).

3 “(2) GENDER IDEOLOGY.—The term ‘gender  
4 ideology’ has the meaning given the term in section  
5 2 of Executive Order 14168 (90 Fed. Reg. 8615; re-  
6 lating to defending women from gender ideology ex-  
7 tremism and restoring biological truth to the Fed-  
8 eral Government).”.

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