

The National Education Association union has long promoted special privileges for those who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning. NEA members seem thrilled about the recent decision by five Supreme Court justices who overruled state laws in favor of legalizing same-sex marriage in all states, even those where citizens voted against legalization.

In fact, on the first day of the NEA convention in Orlando, all business was halted, in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. Union President Lily Eskelsen García called "a very special Personal Point of Privilege," so a female delegate could ask another female delegate to marry her.

Not yet satisfied with their social justice progress, the NEA union now wants to assure that the Constitutional rights to freedom of religion, free speech, and free association are taken away from Christians. At the July union convention in Florida, delegates adopted a Board of Directors-initiated New Business Item, NBI A, which seeks to strip religious freedoms from Christians who don't wish to participate in gay marriages. The union used pejorative wording to describe those who simply wish to back out of the equation, accusing Christians of wanting to "discriminate" against gays and lesbians.

NBI A, the first one addressed and adopted by the assembly of 6,897 delegates, states:

The NEA will develop educational materials for its state affiliates and members about the potential dangers of so-called 'Religious Freedom Restoration Acts' or RFRAs, which may license individuals and corporations to discriminate on the theory that their religious beliefs require such actions. The materials

Christians.

Although the union has a Resolution about religious freedom, it apparently doesn't apply when the religion is Christianity. NEA Resolution I-33, Freedom of Religion, states:

The National Education Association believes that freedom of religion is a fundamental human right. The Association also believes that choice of religion is an intensely personal decision.

The Religious Freedom Resolution continues:

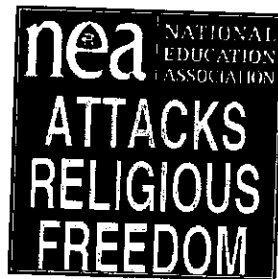
The Association further believes that schools should teach the rights and responsibilities associated with freedom of religion, the religious heritage and diversity of the United States, respect for the beliefs of others, and the historical and cultural influences of various world religions.

The NEA claims to respect the beliefs of others, yet the NEA wishes to abolish the rights of Christians who do not want to officiate at gay marriage ceremonies or to provide cakes, flowers, photographs or venues for such ceremonies. The NEA wishes to force full participation in ceremonies that are antithetical to Christianity, who believe marriage is an institution blessed by God and to be engaged in by

NEA will fight

New Business Item B, introduced by the NEA Board of Directors and passed unanimously at the Orlando convention, claims that the nation, and particularly its schools, are places of "institutional racism."

Union delegates voted in favor of "partnering with a broad coalition of national stakeholders on campaigns and actions to eradicate policies that perpetuate institutional racism in education." They will join "campaigns and actions on critical social justice issues impacting students and their communities." This will include providing grants to "programs aimed at improving school climate."



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A Calendar of Indoctrination

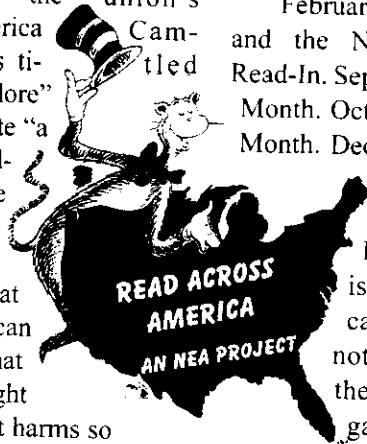
At the NEA convention, teachers were given colorful 2015-16 school calendars created by the union's Read Across America Campaign. The calendar is titled "Read, Discover, Explore" and it claims to celebrate "a nation of diverse readers." One unfortunate but critically *diverse* characteristic that exists among students is that while some students can read, some can't. What is the NEA doing to right this crippling wrong that harms so many students? Is the union encouraging a strong, phonics-based, proven-effective reading program for all students? No. Instead, the NEA's goal is that of left-wing extremists, aimed at dividing even the youngest Americans into subgroups according to race, heritage, sex, sexual identity, disabilities, and ideology.

The NEA Read Across America calendar's message to teachers says, "Our students need to see themselves in the books they read." While the priority should be that students know how to read, literacy is not what this calendar is

about race, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

February is Black History Month and the National African American Read-In. September is Hispanic Heritage Month. October is Bullying Prevention Month. December is Universal Human Rights month.

The United Nations International Youth Day is indicated on the NEA calendar, but Christmas is not. The 2015 UN Youth Day theme is for children to "engage politically, economically, and socially," in a manner that "encourage[s] sustainable human development." The NEA calendar will help teachers and students to remember that César Chávez Day is March 3 and on Sept. 27, Banned Books Week begins.



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A new book by the late Samuel I. Blumenfeld and journalist Alex Newman explains most everything that is wrong