

**NEBRASKA TAXPAYERS FOR FREEDOM WORKSHEET:  
NTF TESTIMONY ON SOCIAL STUDIES STANDARDS AT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING: FEB. 6, 2026.**

Good morning. Doug Kagan, Omaha, representing NE Taxpayers for Freedom. This legislative session, 6 state senators introduced **LB 1024**, which, beginning with the 2027-28 school year, would require each school district, in consultation with the State Dept. of Education, to include instruction on the history of communism within the social studies curriculum that is age-appropriate and include the history of communism in the U.S., domestic communist movements and their associated programs and tactics, also the increasing threat of communism in our nation.

This educational initiative is necessary for several reasons. U.S. public schools are not educating students about the truths of socialism and communism sufficiently, how these ideologies have become so prevalent today in the U.S., and the threats they pose to our individual liberties, democratic institutions, and economic prosperity. From a young age, our youth become exposed to a pabulum of leftwing propaganda from our media, churches, social media, and sadly, from some public schools. Merely examine the riots of 2020 and the current anti-ICE riots, where hammer and sickle red flags wave prominently. According to several polls conducted over the past years, these deliberate efforts to indoctrinate our youth have paid enormous dividends. Most young Americans do not understand socialist philosophy, are ignorant of socialist history, and cannot accurately define socialism or communism in general terms. The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation, among other pollsters, conducted a poll with YouGov to ascertain Americans' preferred form of government. The results are alarming. In its poll, it found that more than half of millennials say they would prefer to live in a socialist or communist country. Only 40% want to live in a capitalist America. By partial way of explanation, over 25% of millennials report receiving no education on the ideology of Marx and Lenin or the history of communist regimes.

NE should mirror the Florida initiative, a law requiring public schools to teach about communism here and abroad from kindergarten through high school. The curriculum prepares students to withstand indoctrination on communism from sources including schools and colleges and teaches the history of U.S. communism and domestic communist movements, including their organizations and subversive tactics. There is comparative discussion of political ideologies, such as communism and totalitarianism, which conflict with the principles of freedom and democracy reflecting the founding principles of our nation.

**INDEX OF SUGGESTED READINGS:**

The Little Red Hen.

The Children's Story. In 1989, novelist James Clavell published this short, frightening tale of what might occur in an American classroom taken over by socialists.

Animal Farm. George Orwell's classic rebuttal of Soviet Communism.

1984 by George Orwell.

The Politically Incorrect Guide to Socialism.

Subtle Ways Your Kids are Taught to Embrace Socialism. Recommended Ages: 5-12

