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### A Variety of Voices

Acalanes School District rules state that, beginning with the 2019 school year, "English teachers are required to teach at least one novel by a female author, and at least one novel by an author of color (not white)." Such a change would not be benefactory to students. First of all, many teachers would still teach their previous novels, in addition to the old requirements, which adds two more books to students' workloads. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, in her TED talk, The danger of a single story, states that reading literature written by only a certain group in power (which she implies is white males) provides a one-sided view of society, and, in addition, gives off false perspectives to a world in which the aforementioned authors have not experienced. This argument, however structurally sound, is intrinsically stereotypical, and therefore informally fallacious, due to its assumption that a certain group would have similar, if not completely identical perspective. Secondly, such an implementation would diminish students interest in reading, as the increase in workload would mean less personal time. This would mean that students would focus on schoolwork rather than reading out of their own interest. Overall, this new rule will have negative repercussions.

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