

Book Bans in Texas Schools

How did an unprecedented movement to censor education rise to fame in the Lone Star State?

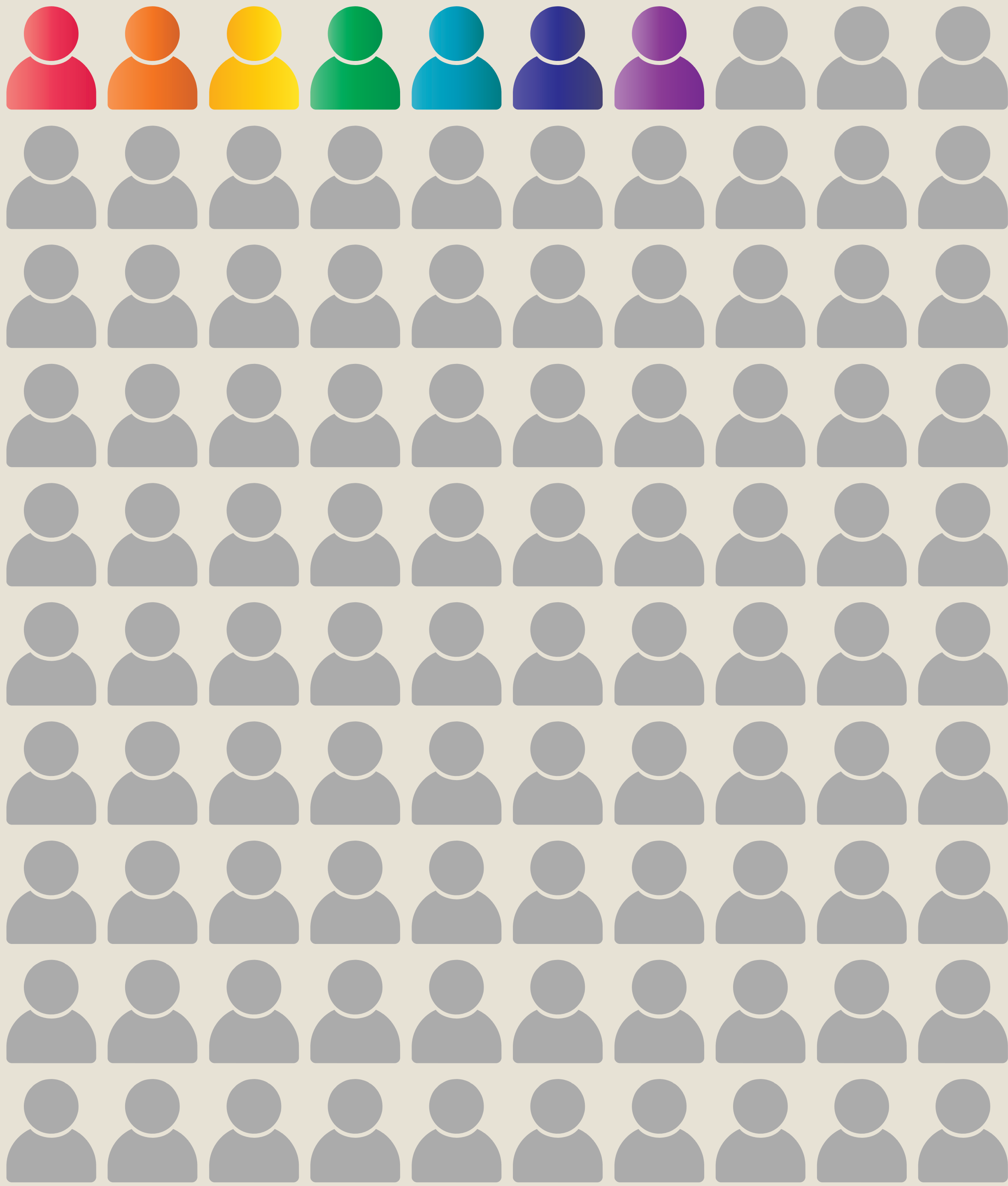


Books Most Banned in Texas Public Schools

(July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023)

		bans
#1	All Boys Aren't Blue	12
	Out of Darkness	12
#3	Gender Queer	10
#4	Flamer	9
#5	Jack of Hearts	8
	The Breakaways	8
#6	Me and Earl and the Dying Girl	7
	Lawn Boy	7
#7	Beyond Magenta	6
	Drama: A Graphic Novel	6
	The Handmaid's Tale	6
	This One Summer	6
	What Girls Are Made Of	6

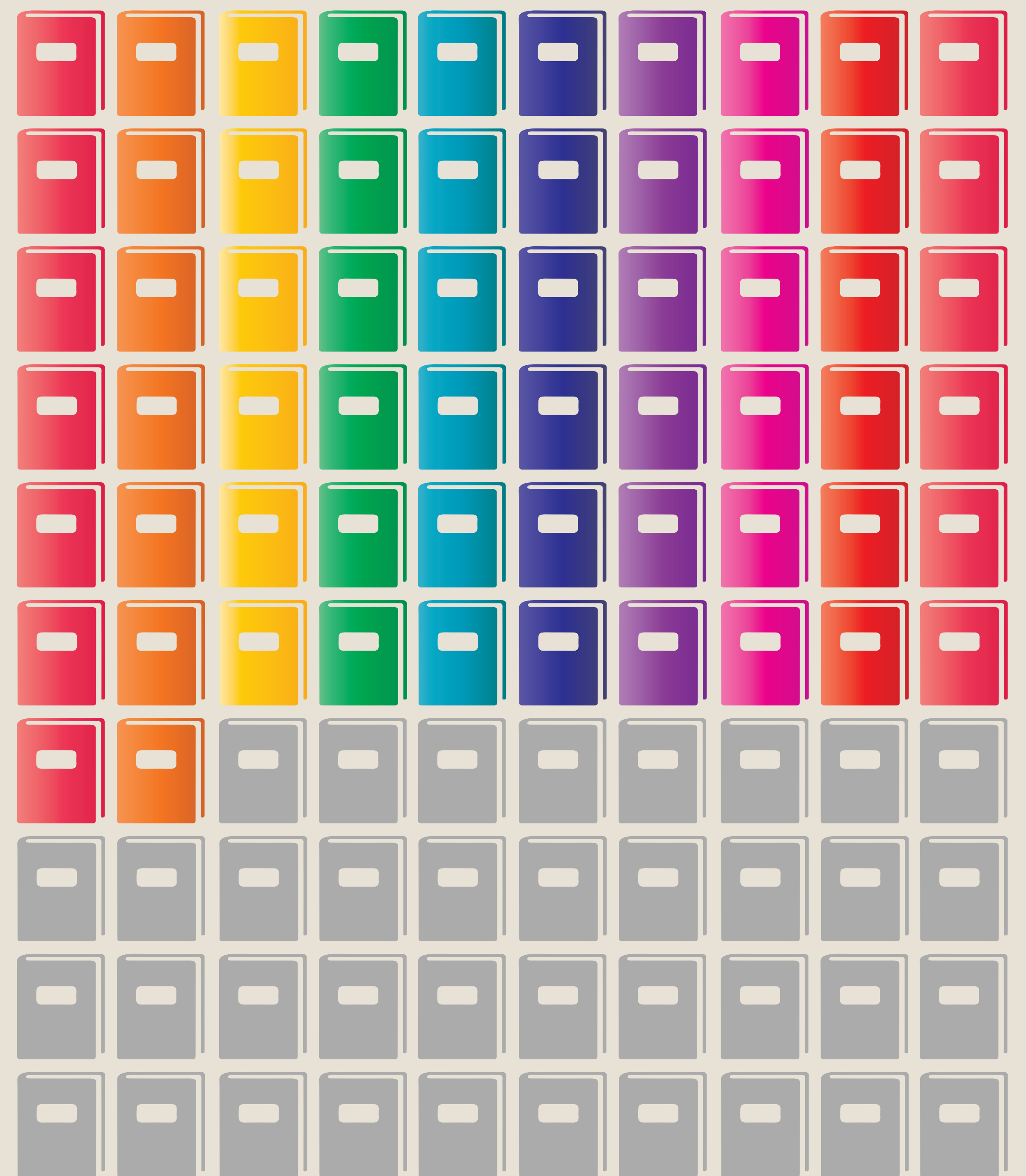
Representation in Banned Books



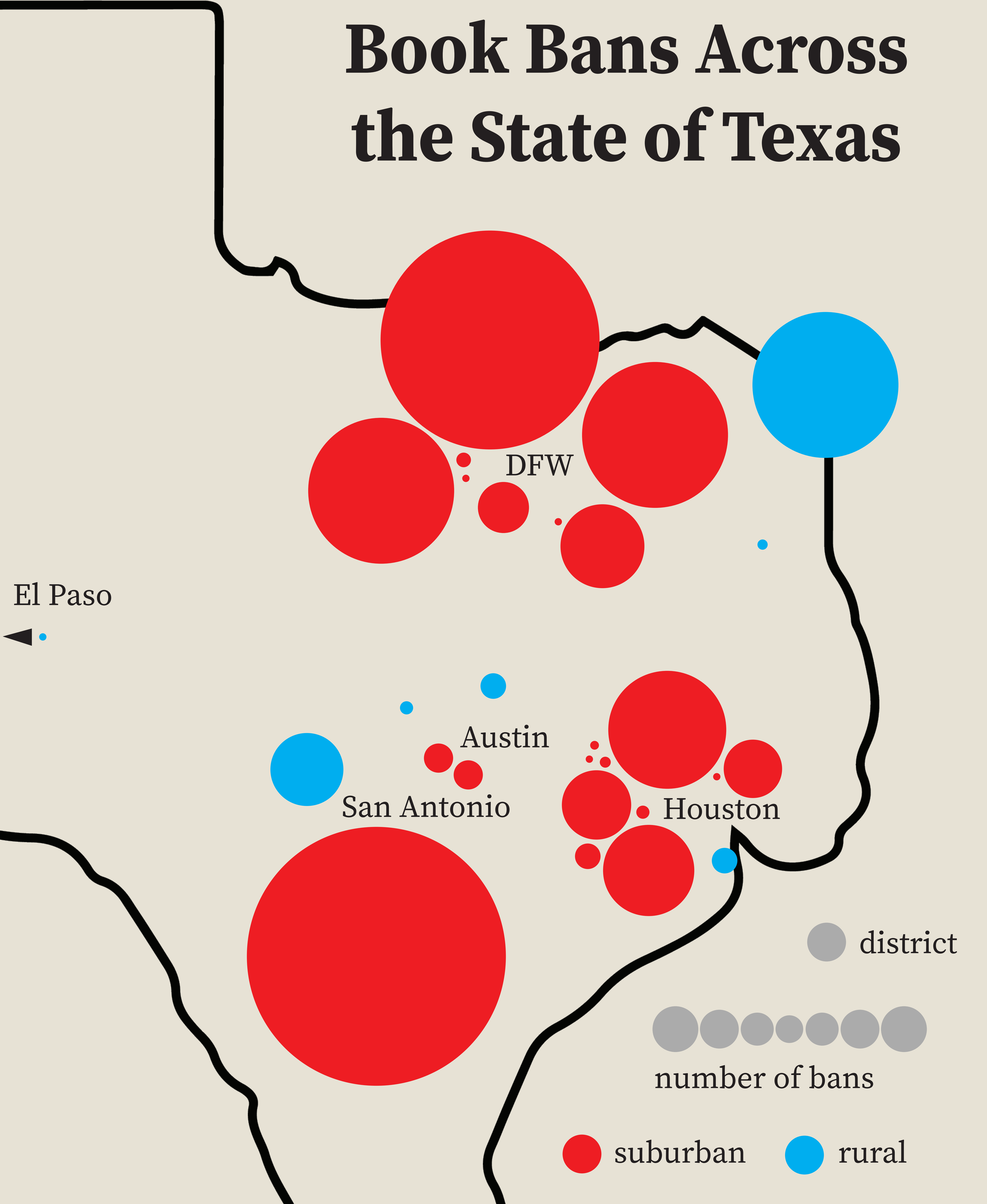
Of all adults in the United States, roughly **7% are gay, lesbian or bisexual.**

However, **8 of the top 13 banned books** in Texas prominently feature **LGBTQ+ identity.**

That's 62%,
a **55% difference.**

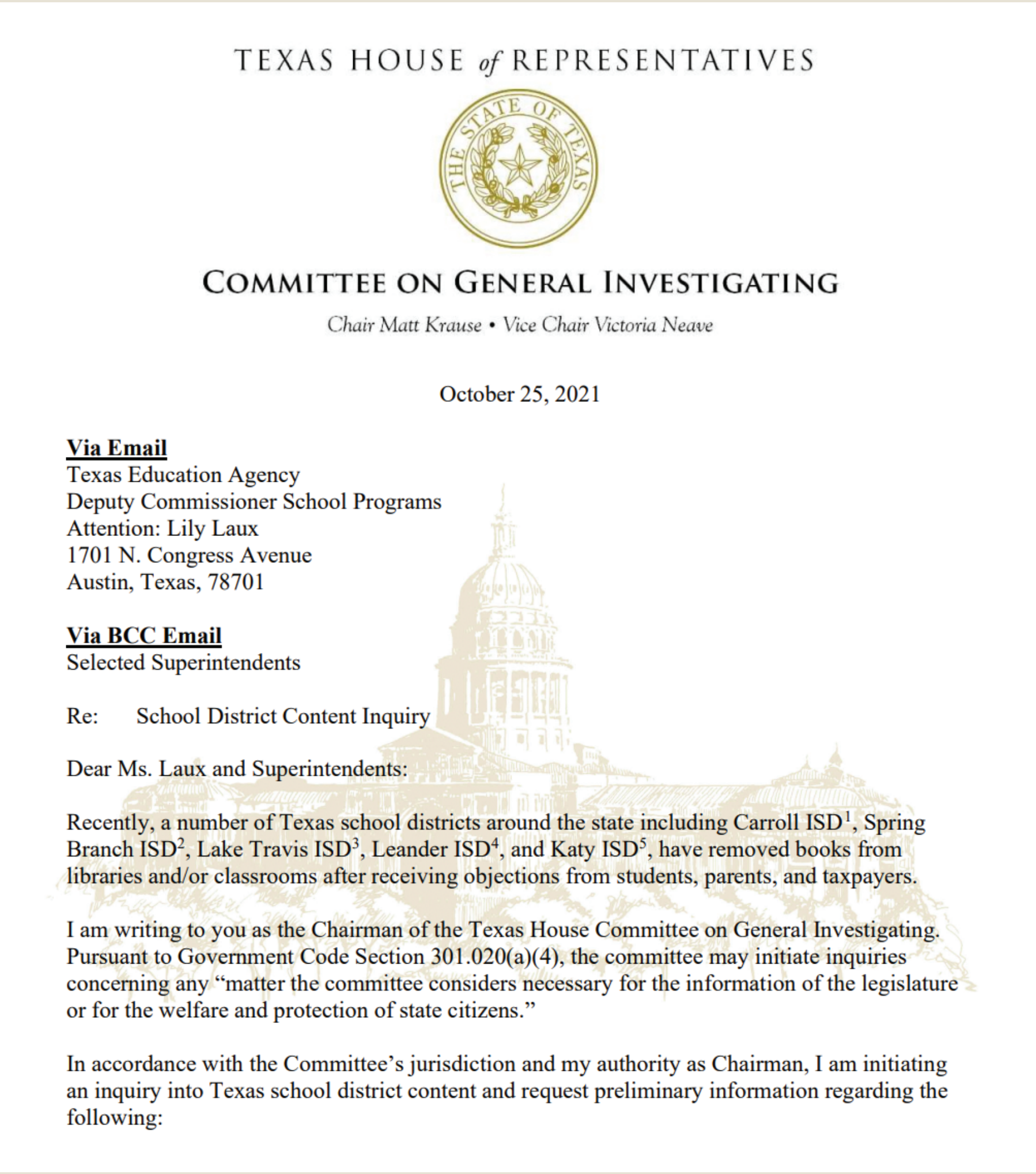


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Rep. Matt Krause’s Letter to School Districts

Delivered October 25, 2021 requesting an investigation into school libraries of a list with 850 books.

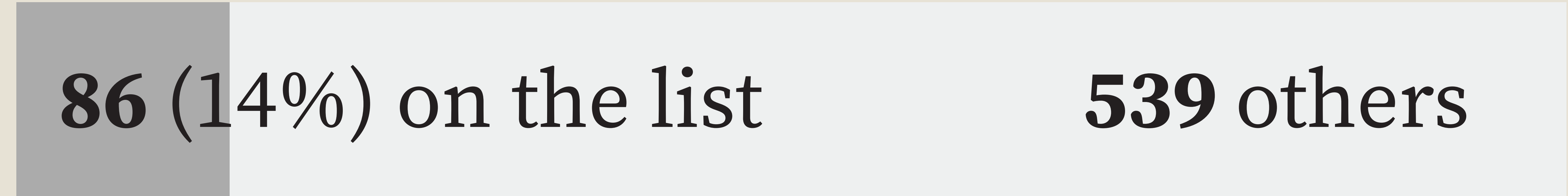


Title	Author	Published
2020 Black Lives Matter marches	Markovics, Joyce L.	2021
A complicated love story set in space	Hutchinson, Shaun David	2021
A lesson in vengeance	Lee, Victoria	2021
As far as you'll take me	Stamper, Phil	2021
Be dazzled	La Sala, Ryan	2021
Black Lives Matter : from hashtag to the streets	Tyner, Arika R.	2021
Can't take that away	Salvatore, Steven	2021
Follow your arrow	Verdi, Jessica	2021
Have I ever told you Black lives matter	King, Shani M.	2021
Perfect on paper	Gonzales, S.	2021
Protesting police violence in modern America	Harris, Duchess	2021
Race and policing in modern America	Harris, Duchess	2021
Race and the media in modern America	Harris, Duchess	2021
Racial justice in America : topics for change	Nichols, Hedreich	2021
Spin with me	Polonsky, Ami	2021
The girls I've been	Sharpe, Tess	2021
The key to you and me	Brown, Jaye Robin	2021
What is the Black Lives Matter movement?	Nichols, Hedreich	2021
What is white privilege?	Erickson, Leigh Ann	2021
#BlackLivesMatter : protesting racism	Thomas, Rachel L.	2020
A good kind of trouble	Ramee, Lisa Moore	2020
A high five for Glenn Burke	Bildner, Phil	2020
A home for goddesses and dogs	Connor, Leslie	2020
All out : the no-longer-secret stories of queer teens throughout the ages	Saundra Mitchell	2020
Ana on the edge	Sass, A. J.	2020
Beyond the gender binary	Menon, Alok	2020
Blood sport	McAdam, Tash	2020
Brave Face: A Memoir	Hutchinson, Shaun David	2020
Castles : the origins of our discontents	Wilkerson, Isabel	2020
Cemetery boys	Thomas, Aiden	2020
Ciel	Labelle, Sophie	2020
Cinderella is dead	Bayron, Kalynn	2020
Class act	Craft, Jerry	2020
Cynical theories : how activist scholarship made everything about race, gender, and identity--and why this harms everybody	Pluckrose, Helen	2020
Darius the Great deserves better	Khorrani, Adib	2020
Each of us a desert	Oshiro, Mark	2020
Fairest : a memoir	Talusan, Meredith	2020
Felix ever after	Callender, Kacen	2020
Flamer	Curato, Mike	2020
Forget this ever happened	Clarke, Cassandra Rose	2020
Freeing Finch	Rorby, Ginny	2020
Girl crushed	Heaney, Katie	2020
Hands Up	McDaniel, Breanna	2020
Hello now	Valentine, Jenny	2020
Hood feminism : notes from the women that a movement forgot	Kendall, Mikki	2020
Hot dog girl	Dugan, Jennifer	2020
How it all blew up	Ahmadi, Arvin	2020
I am water	Specksgoor, Meg	2020
I hope you're listening	Ryan, Tom	2020
Identity : a story of transitioning	Maison, Corey	2020
If we were us	Walther, K.L.	2020
In The Dream House	Machado, Carmen Maria	2020
In the role of Brie Hutchens . . .	Melleby, Nicole	2020
Infinity son	Silvera, Adam	2020
Into the real	Brewer, Z	2020

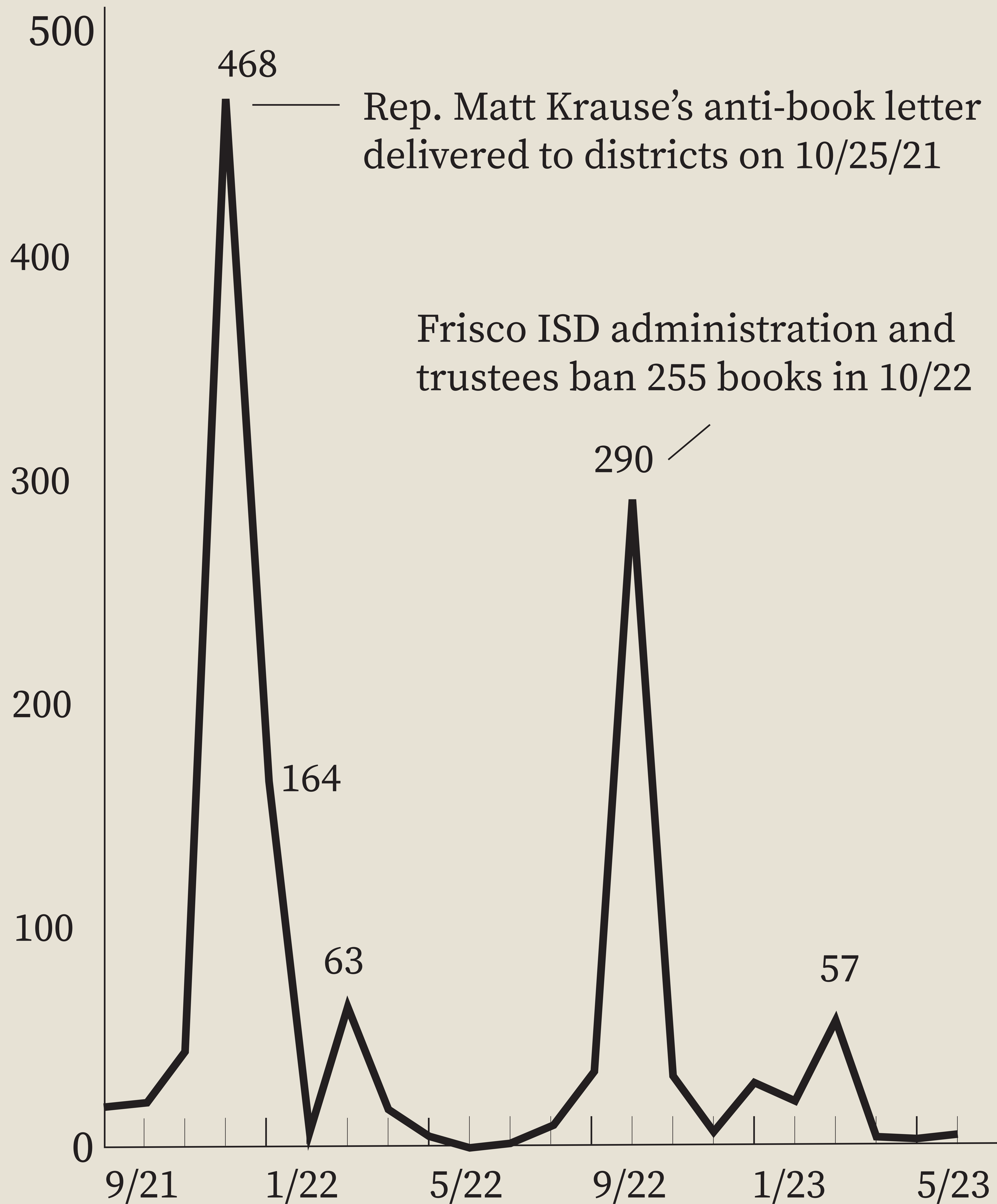
Of books banned in Texas schools during the **2021-2022** school year,



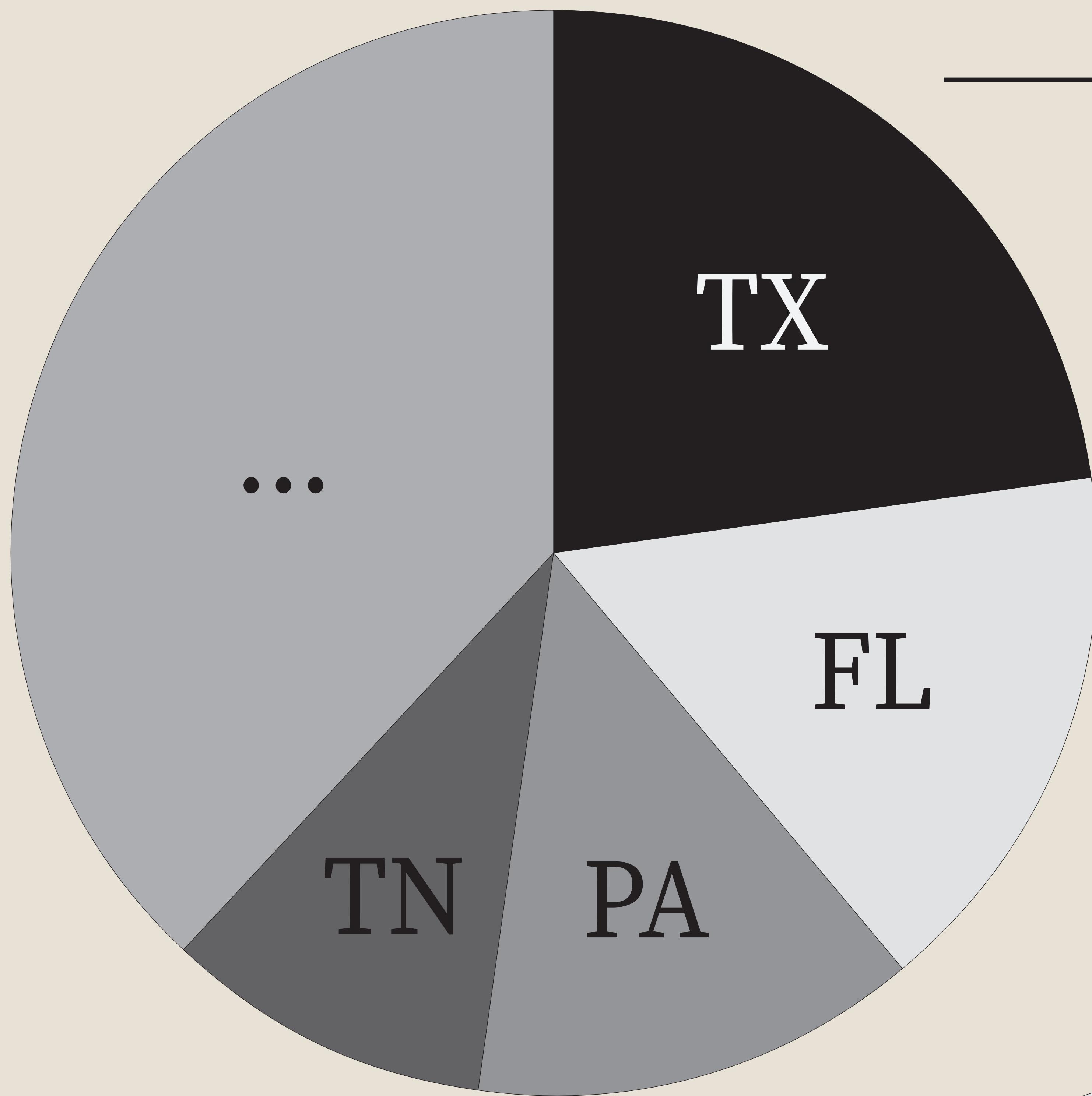
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Texas Book Bans Over Time

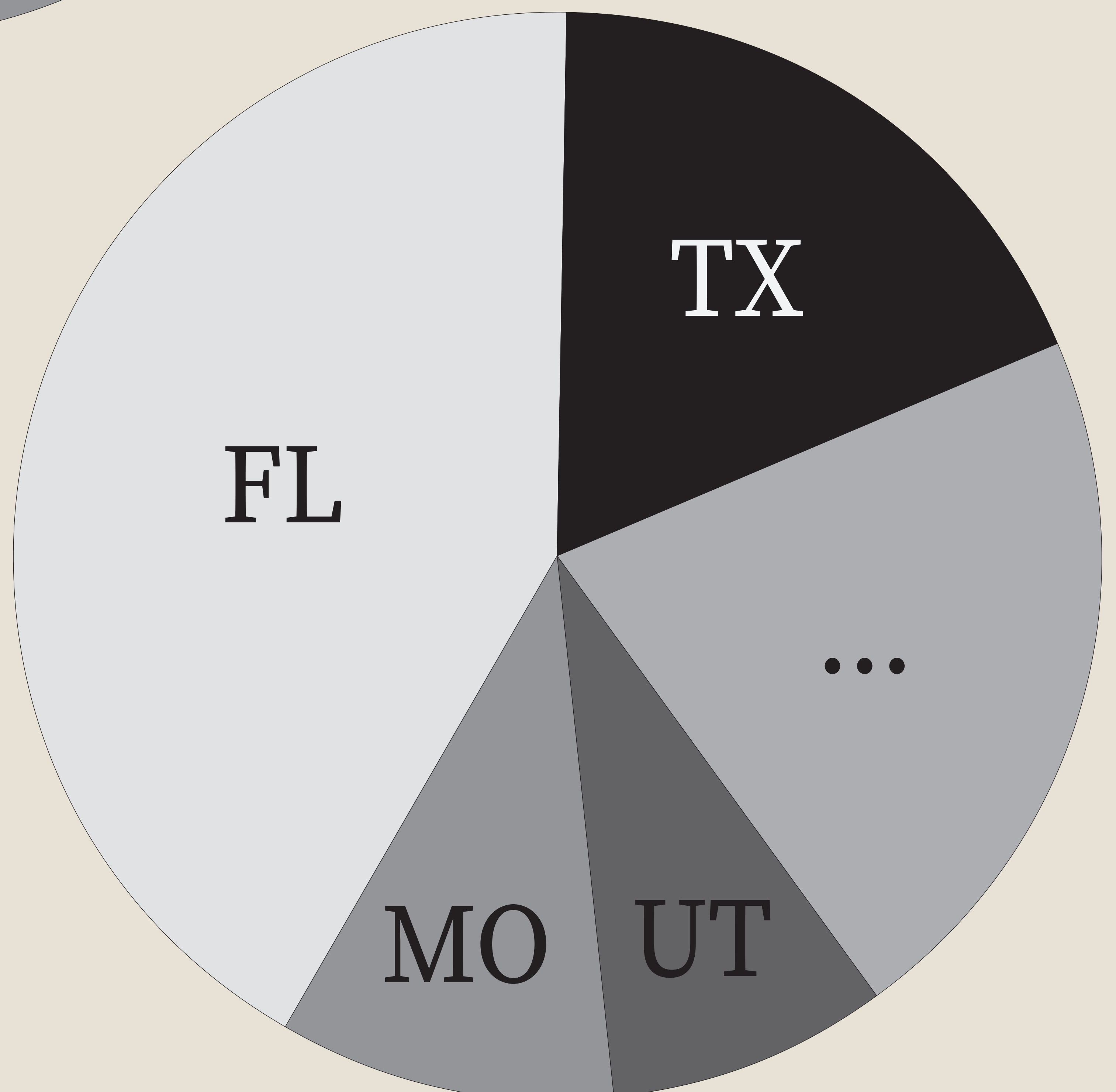


Book Bans Nationwide



— Texas led the nation with **801 book bans** in the 2021-2022 year

Florida — surpassed Texas for book bans in the 2022-2023 school year.



Is Texas Turning the Tide on Book Bans?

**Or do we have years
of more to come?**

Sources:

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