

1 WHEREAS, PragerU said its partnership with Louisiana is "more expansive" than
2 in other states, adding that Louisiana's education department approved an "extensive list" of
3 PragerU videos for social studies; and

4 WHEREAS, educators, legislators, historians, and political scientists have criticized
5 PragerU's videos as content promoting conservative viewpoints on various political,
6 economic, and sociological topics and containing misleading or inaccurate claims about
7 slavery and racism in the United States, immigration, and the history of fascism; and

8 WHEREAS, PragerU has published videos critical of other faiths, including "Where
9 Are the Moderate Muslims?" and "Born to Hate Jews"; and

10 WHEREAS, content on the PragerU Kids YouTube channel, which has received
11 backlash, includes a video depicting a cartoon Christopher Columbus saying slavery wasn't
12 an issue during his time period because of its widespread use and another describing George
13 Floyd as a "black man who resisted arrest"; and

14 WHEREAS, PragerU's videos for students in grades kindergarten through twelve
15 promote a conservative world view; for example, a book called *Sofia Survives the Border*
16 for middle and high schoolers teaches students "why strong borders are essential for keeping
17 communities safe and prosperous"; and

18 WHEREAS, a video for grades six through twelve called "Los Angeles: Mateo Backs
19 the Blue" explores "how the Black Lives Matter movement and anti-police sentiment
20 affected crime, families, and small businesses in American cities"; and

21 WHEREAS, when PragerU received blowback from educators and historians after
22 being granted approval to show videos to students in kindergarten through sixth grade in
23 public schools in Florida, PragerU said that its content pushes back against what it calls
24 "woke agendas infiltrating classrooms"; and

25 WHEREAS, in its 2023 annual report, PragerU stated that it is dedicated to "Biblical
26 values, protecting children's innocence, celebrating America's exceptional history, civic
27 responsibility, rejecting woke culture, and defending free speech"; and

28 WHEREAS, a unique aspect of PragerU is that there is no bid process for the videos,
29 it is not a traditional vendor that requires payment, it is not an accredited university, it does

1 not have creators with a vast education background, and its website states what its intention
2 is, which is purely for indoctrination, and says it is specifically for conservative values; and

3 WHEREAS, the Preamble to Article VIII of the Constitution of Louisiana states:
4 "[t]he goal of the public educational system is to provide learning environments and
5 experiences, at all stages of human development, that are humane, just, and designed to
6 promote excellence in order that every individual may be afforded an equal opportunity to
7 develop to his full potential".

8 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
9 Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the state Department of Education and
10 the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to prohibit use of "edu-tainment"
11 children's videos that are discriminatory and anti-Semitic as educational tools in classrooms.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the
13 state superintendent of education and the president of the State Board of Elementary and
14 Secondary Education.

DIGEST

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