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I know that when I was a kid if I heard about a book being banned I'd make it my business to find a copy and read it.

So did a lot of other kids in my generation. (The sixties was like that.)

I think any self respecting kid would go right for the forbidden fruit, but todays kids are under severe pressure to conform to adult society so they may have already lost their individuality and independence. (There ain't many Huckleberry Finns nowadays.) This is an attempt to subvert history and the American character. The ruling class does not want people to be free and independent thinkers, because people like that ca't be controlled. Huck led the exemplary life of the non-conformist and the powers that be want to restrict general knowledge of that way of life.

They don't want kids today growing up knowing how to be free. They take away Huck Finn and instead teach kids how to fill out credit applications so that someone else will always have power over them.

I grew up in New York City where the book was banned in high schools, so our progressive elementary school teachers made sure we got it.

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