

No More Textbooks!



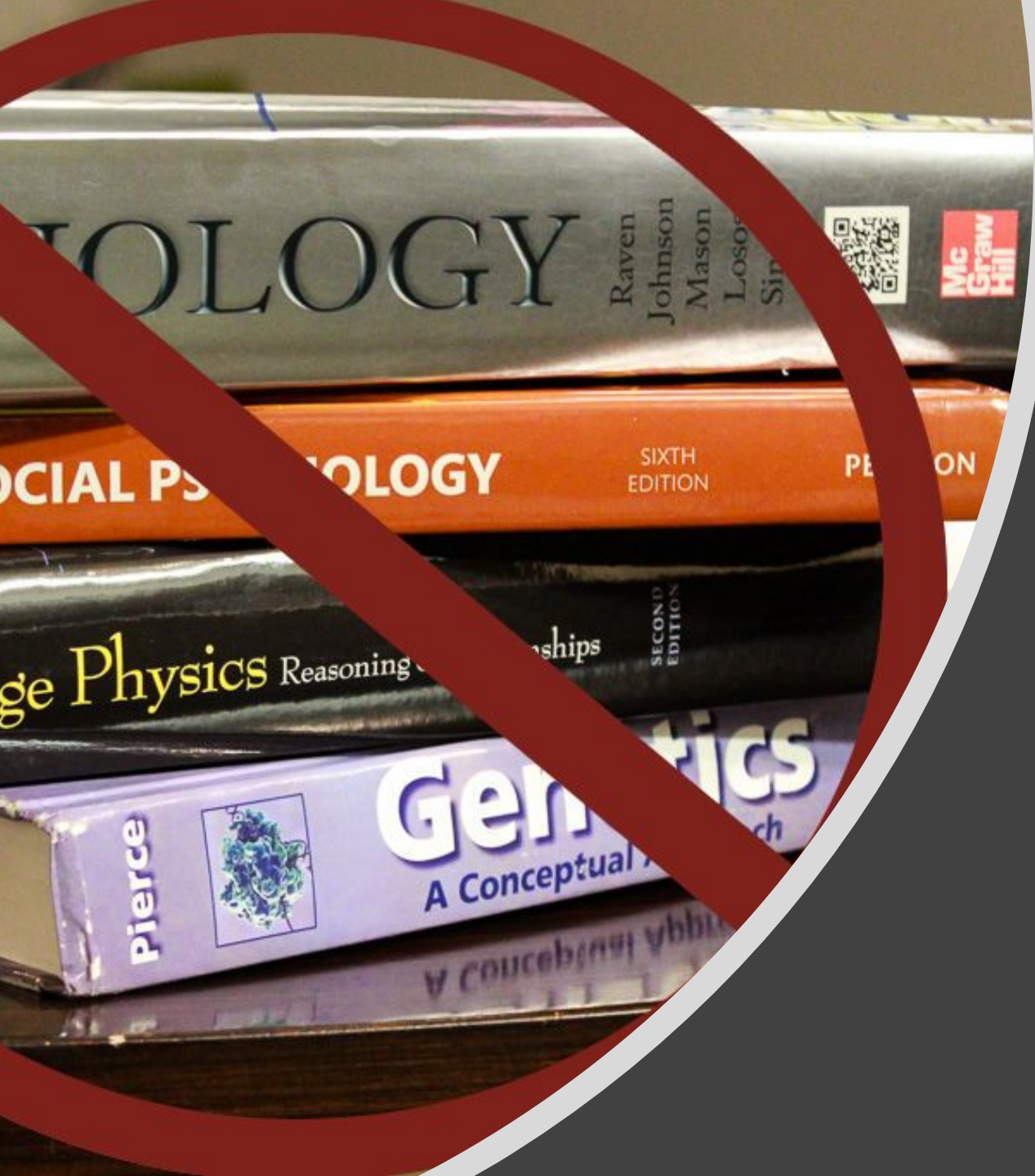
Textbooks as a Capitalist Tool of Indoctrination

In many educational systems, textbooks have been used to enforce colonial languages, white supremacy, and both historical and continued invisibility of marginalised peoples.

In addition, they are presented as a source of “universal knowledge” that must be learned individually.

Textbooks are organised around what is expected from children, adolescents, and adults. This includes what they should learn and how they should understand it, which help support schools in maintaining systems for both obedience and subjugation.





Publishing Houses, The State, and Organised Religion

Textbooks are not neutral. They are developed in cultural and economic contexts, which promote specific sets of morals, values, and perspectives about different material.

Most publishing houses are organised around making money and promoting specific values, which is largely done by following the mandates of political and religious institutions.

But this also allows them to be 'arbiters' of information, determining what is released to a wider audience and what remains hidden.

Collective Self-Made Information

To learn is to create. This must be done together.

For many educators and facilitators, it can seem difficult to apply anarchist principles in our learning spaces and processes. This is often due to the structural requirements of formal education spaces, such as schools and academia.

Today, we have so many sources that allow us to access a variety of perspectives through oral, visual, and written information. This gives us more ability than ever to organize it ourselves.



Create and Liberate

As educators, we must aim to create free and accessible learning tools. They might be on paper or online; they may have words, images, or music. They might be made indoors or outdoors.

Learning happens everywhere. Most importantly, we have to create it in order to liberate ourselves.

Our freedom to create new societies depends on our decisions to understand that we learn all the time, everywhere.

Making our own textbooks and our own knowledge helps in exposing and dismantling the capitalist and colonialist structures that make curriculum today.

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