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# "Don't Say Gay"

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## News

### Censorship

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has [signed into law](#) a bill that opponents have dubbed "Don't Say Gay."

DeSantis "blasted critics for what he said was willfully misinterpreting its provisions, though some of the language in the law is vague and subject to interpretation.

'They're doing it because they actually support having woke gender ideology in the first grade,' the governor said." (NY Times, 3/28)

**Ukraine:** [The situation in eastern Ukraine](#). (Washington Post, 4/2)

**Russia:** The independent newspaper *Novaya Gazeta* has [suspended publication](#), "leaving Russia without any major media outlets critical of the Kremlin as it wages war in Ukraine." Editor Dmitri Muratov was a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2021. (NY Times, 3/28)

**Migration:** "The Biden administration has announced that the United States will [end its use of Title 42](#), the contentious policy that prevented most asylum seekers from applying for protection at the country's southern border with Mexico." (Al Jazeera, 4/1)

**Biden's Budget:** [Analyzing the document](#). (Vox, 3/28)

## Opinion

**Michelle Goldberg:** Right-wing [classroom censorship](#), from limiting discussions about race to "Don't Say Gay." (NY Times, 4/1)

**Peter Kalmus:** This moment calls for leaving fossil fuels behind, [not ramping up production](#). (The Guardian, 3/31)

**Roxane Gay:** You shouldn't have to [take a joke](#)—"I've stopped aspiring to be thicker-skinned, and I no longer expect or admire it in others." (NY Times, 3/29)

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