

a post from Canada

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As I've explained, I am no longer publishing comments from readers because of the ease with which it makes those readers' email addresses available to the public. But I can copy reader's comments into my own text when it seems they may be of interest. This reader from Canada is referring to book challenges and the fact that I pointed out no such challenges - at least against my books - have been brought in other countries. I think I was mainly referring to THE GIVER, so frequently challenged in the USA, but not in the 22 other countries where it is published.

from Francis, in Canada:

Dear Ms. Lowry;

The explanation you offer for the absence of controversy in other countries is a possible one. But since you so open-mindedly admit there are other possibilities, will you let me suggest one?

*Well, it so happens that in very few countries are citizens so lucky as in the US to have a say in public matters, even if this tends to be less and less true. So, just as "the Committee" never changes anything in *The Giver*, we have "Committees" in Canada that prevent anything to change. So, one finally comes to the conclusion that resistance is futile.*

So, I would definitely stand up for your books to be read in the school of my kids; but since they are unheard of by the establishment, I have no hope them making it to the syllabus.

Absence of controversy may mean a de-facto absence of a right to petition.

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