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Texas Board of Education Approves Changes to the Social Studies Curriculum

Last week, the Texas Board of Education approved changes to the social studies curriculum to reflect conservative views. What ideas and values do you see communicated in the textbooks you are currently using in school? ...In economics, the revisions add Milton Friedman and Friedrich von Hayek, two champions of free-market economic theory, among the usual list of economists to be studied, like Adam Smith, Karl Marx and John Maynard Keynes. They also replaced the word “capitalism” throughout their texts with the “free-enterprise system.” “Let’s face it, capitalism does have a negative connotation,” said one conservative member, Terri Leo. “You know, ‘capitalist pig!’”... Excerpt From Education Writer NYTIMES By JAMES C. McKINLEY Jr. Published: March 10, 2010