

*College, Columbia University. Discussed
and carried unanimously.*

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WHEREAS there has come to the attention of this Association and its members the existence of considerable agitation in some of the newspaper press and elsewhere on the subject of the teaching of American history in the schools which has tended to reflect on the patriotism and intelligence of the teachers of history;

WHEREAS this agitation has in many cases been largely carried on by persons little conversant with the fundamental sources of American history, who have garbled the wording and intention of certain history textbooks so as to make them appear unpatriotic;

WHEREAS this Association feels that the object of the teaching of history is to give a truthful picture of the past with due regard to the age of the pupils for whom the work is intended; that the truth should not be distorted for any purpose whatsoever and that both sides of a controversial question should be adequately presented from an academic point of view so that students of history shall be trained in the habits of open minded tolerance so as to prevent narrow minded bigotry and prejudice --

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Association go on record as deploring an agitation based on either ignorance or malice, or which has for its object the promotion of animosities between classes or nations; that this Association lend its influence to defeat the attempts made to get legislatures to write into the statutes the content of courses in history and the social sciences; that the proper place for determining such content is with the state and local educational authorities; and that we deplore the publicity that has been given this agitation as being both pernicious in its effect upon the training of our young American citizens and destructive of sound scholarship;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the secretary of this Association send copies of these resolutions to other associations of teachers of history and the social sciences requesting them to take similar action.