

Texas tussle: New history textbooks criticized

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The Texas State Board of Education could see a fiery debate as it considers more than 100 history and social studies textbooks for classrooms statewide.

Some academics and activists say the books exaggerate the influence of Moses and other biblical figures on American democracy. But some conservative experts complain the books are too politically correct and ignore connections between radical Islam and modern terrorism.

The board is expected to vote on the proposed books Tuesday.

Textbook approval has long been tense in Texas, in part because content produced for the country's second most populous state can influence the larger textbook market.

The board's 10 Republicans and five Democrats are expecting to hear public testimony decrying the proposed [books](#) ahead of Tuesday's vote. A formal confirmation vote is set for Friday.

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