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Feds sweeten the pot for Big Sugar

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The recent article in the Post shines a light on the deal sugar corporations have with state and local governments. This pales in comparison to the sweet deal they have with the federal government. The industry has enjoyed control pricing and production to maintain artificially inflated prices averaging two times the cost anywhere else in the world. I'm sure the industry would say it protects jobs and supply but according to a 2015 Cato Institute study, elimination of the current program would have "less than devastating" consequences. The other argument would be that it costs taxpayers nothing, since no actual money is given to the companies. We are paying through higher prices due to the program itself. This is another prime example of narrow special interests over general welfare. Crony capitalism at its finest.

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Goldberg's error wasn't about race

Regarding The View's Whoopi Goldberg's remark that the Holocaust was not about racism, Goldberg's ignorance about the meaning of "Jew" or "Jewish" is not unlike that of many Jews. I have met fellow Jews who insist that "Jewish" only refers to the religion. I inform them that I have taken three DNA tests by spitting into a cup and learned that I was 97% Ashkenazi Jew from those. I ask them if they think my DNA would change by converting to Catholicism. Many don't know that in the absence of DNA testing, Nazis utilized tools to measure our noses and other body parts to determine Jewishness. These are racial features, not religious ones. Nazis also carefully analyzed what percentage of potential Jewish blood people had based on how many Jewish grandparents an individual had. The Germans wanted to rid Europe of Jews (and others) to create a master race. And Jews who had converted to Christianity were also deported or placed in concentration camps and murdered. So, for anyone, Gentile or Jewish, to claim that Nazi policy towards Jews was not purely racist is grossly ignorant.

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Book banning column on point

Hear, hear to Frank Cerabino on his column, "Book banners might want to put Bible at top of list." The column was particularly timely, coming so soon after the news of the banning of the Pulitzer Prize-winning graphic Holocaust novel, "Maus" in Athens, Tenn. Remember, Tennessee was the site of another bit of educational, Bible-thumping, lack of enlightenment, the 1925,

“Scopes Monkey Trial,” in which high school teacher John Scopes was accused of violating an act which had made it unlawful to teach human evolution in any state-funded school. Is Florida now not only making Texas, but Tennessee as well, our models for ignorance? I’d say, “heaven help us” but I guess that would be a little disingenuous.