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New social studies textbooks adopted

The State Board of Education members voted 12-1 today to adopt new social studies textbooks. The Texas Public Policy Foundation's 2,200 page review has led to numerous changes that will be incorporated in the textbooks.

Of the 533 factual errors identified in the 26 books analyzed by the Foundation's 16 reviewers, close to 70 percent have been incorporated into the textbooks.

Additionally, the comments and suggestions of the reviewers will help shape future volumes of the books while providing classroom teachers with necessary information regarding the content of the texts. The Foundation's review was performed by classroom teachers and college professors, all reviewing books within their areas of specialization.

Many of TPPF's reviewers commented on what they considered to be frequent, incomplete treatments of key historical events, as well as inaccurate representations of economic theory and government philosophy. Foundation president and CEO Jeff Judson said the review represents the best kind of public policy. The Foundation's complete review can be found on its website at www.tppf.org.

-Texas Public Policy Foundation