



DONT TREAD ON ME

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## Don't Tread on Jaiden

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The Gadsden Flag: “Don’t Tread on Me” — it is many an American’s favorite flag, for it expresses a sentiment, the most American of *political* sentiments: resistance to tyranny.

Other flags, including the Stars and Stripes, are symbolic without being explicit.

What American could be against it? To oppose the Gadsden Flag is to oppose liberty!

But, these days, there are a lot of people who try to impugn the flag and the concept as being, I kid you not, “white supremacist” and “pro-slavery.”

It’s absurd, of course. Slaves were tread upon. Those who demand *not* to be tread upon object to their own slavery. And, by extension, others’.

Tell that to the woke mob.

And to public school administrators.

On Monday, a likely lad named Jaiden was removed from his class at Vanguard Elementary in Colorado Springs. He triggered his teacher with a patch on his backpack featuring the Gadsden. When his mother confronted the charter school’s administrator, [recording](#) the chat, the administrator defended the action on the usual woke grounds: its alleged “origins with slavery.”

Oddly, not even the school rules gave grounds to remove him for it — even if it were “about slavery.” (To repeat: it’s about slavery’s opposite.)

I smell the stink of *partisanship*. Many teachers and administrators so object to *some people* who like the flag that they distort facts to enforce ideological conformity on students.

The story has a happy ending, though. Jaiden was [exonerated](#), walking into school with the patch still visible.

To make the story better, however, the teachers and administrators who thought they could tread upon Jaiden should be severely reprimanded, if not fired outright. For violating his rights.

And for not knowing history.

Flunk ’em!

This is Common Sense. I’m Paul Jacob.