



GOVERNOR DESANTIS SCUFFLES WITH WOKE AND INSOLENT CHATBOTS



After discovering that ChatGPT can be used to generate essays about African American history, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis on Friday announced a statewide ban on schools' use of the AI chatbot.

Many school districts and universities in the U.S. and abroad have [banned](#) ChatGPT use because of worries that students would use it to generate their writing assignments, thereby undermining the learning process. But DeSantis dismissed that concern: "I don't care if students aren't hitting the books. To the contrary, I'm banning this woke gizmo because of my fear that they are, in fact, learning stuff."

At Friday's press conference announcing the ban, the Governor provided a couple visual displays. The first showed ChatGPT results for the prompt, "Explain the basics of African American history in the United States." The first line of the response* is shown as, "African American history in the United States begins with the arrival of African slaves in the 17th century."

"How infuriating," DeSantis exclaimed. "It's always about slavery with these woke propagandists."

The ChatGPT response further enraged DeSantis for its statement, "Even after the abolition of slavery, African Americans continued to face discrimination and segregation in many aspects of their lives, including education, housing, employment, healthcare, incarceration

* These are quotes from an actual ChatGPT response.

rates, and economic opportunities.”

“White people,” the Governor explained, “should not be told to feel guilty by some woke-machine woke-learning woke-algorithm. White folks should only feel guilty if we aspire to insights, knowledge, and understandings about our world. Or if we apologize for anything, of course.”

He then turned to the second visual display, this time generated with the assistance of MidJourney, an AI tool focused on visual imagery.

Angrily pointing at the poster, DeSantis told those assembled that the image was one of several being passed around by students at a Tallahassee high school, all depicting the Governor in drag. The image was accompanied by the “drag queen name” of *Dame Florida Sunshine*.



Gov. DeSantis
Attribution: Gage Skidmore



Dame Florida Sunshine
Attribution: Bobby, 9th grade

Over the past year, DeSantis has felt [remarkably threatened by drag](#) shows and drag queens, so the students’ images seem to have touched a raw nerve.

“Not only are we banning this software in our schools,” DeSantis announced while inexplicably sticking [three fingers into a bowl of chocolate pudding](#). “We are also working with legislators to pass a [lèse-majesté](#) law, forbidding such ghastly insults of the ruler.”

The Governor left the press conference without taking questions, explaining that he was exhausted by his ongoing public-service duty of attacking marginalized children (and Mickey Mouse) for political gain.

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