

CAN THEY DO THAT?

Use [the diagram](#) on the back to determine whether or not the following cases could be censored by administration. **Explain your reasoning once you make your decision.**

1. A student publication that is part of the school curriculum in Michigan writes an article about the school's bullying policy, stating that it is ineffective, and citing another district's policy that is more thorough. Because they are not an open-forum, they have to submit their articles to the principal before they print them. The **principal** reads the article and demands it be pulled from the issue. *Can he do that?*

Yes / No

Explain:

2. An underground publication in a Missouri school produces a pamphlet promoting the legalization of marijuana for those 18 and older. The student made the publication at home with his own computer. He brings it to school the next day. One of the teachers sees it, takes it to the principal, and the **principal** suspends the student. *Can he do that?*

Yes / No

Explain:

3. A school publication in Texas produces a poorly written article over abortion and where someone can go if they need services. The class meets daily and is not a public forum. The article wasn't researched very well, and there are several factual mistakes within the piece. The principal reads it before it goes to print and decides to pull it from the paper. *Can he do that?*

Yes / No

Explain:

4. A student in a Colorado school posts on their IG story, "Everyone wear black tomorrow for the 'Black Lives Matter' peace protest" and he tags the school publication account to get the message out. The school publication is known for sharing all activities related to the school on social media, so they repost the story. The **superintendent** of the school sees this, and orders the publication to immediately disable their Instagram account. *Can she do that?*

Yes / No

Explain: