

# Covert Curricula

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[Russia Underground](#) takes you on a journey to meet the Russians who continue to battle for free speech, artistic freedoms and basic human rights despite Putin's brutal wartime crackdown, hosted by journalist Howard Amos and researcher Nina Berezner.

When Olga's daughter was told by her teacher to compose a letter to a Russian soldier fighting in Ukraine, she just wrote: "Don't kill anyone!" That time, there were no consequences.

But education is increasingly subject to political interference, and schools are more and more a place of propaganda rather than learning. And interference is particularly egregious when it comes to the teaching of history.

How have history teachers, parents and students responded? And is there room for quiet subversion?

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