

HIGH SCHOOL FOR RIGHTEOUS IGNORANCE

June 5, 2006 -- If you want an example of the state of education at some city schools, look no further than the Law, Government and Community Service HS in Queens. Students from the school recently toured sites in Lower Manhattan where slavery-related events took place. Then they proceeded to post home-made signs calling attention to the sites. Oops. That's against the law. As most New Yorkers know, such signs often wind up on the ground, adding to the litter. So the Alliance for Downtown New York took them down and notified the group. No one's against reminding folks of America's history of slavery. But you'd think kids at a high school specializing in law would check first to see if posting signs is legal. Fat chance. Heck, these kids not only broke the law, they later insisted on their "right" to do so. "Who gave the Downtown Alliance the right to touch our signs?" asked senior Jennifer Caroccio. Umm, maybe the law? Clearly, the school isn't doing its job. Or maybe should change its name. How about calling it the High School for Ignorance and Law-Breaking?