

Thème 1 – Génétique et évolution
1-C – L'inéluctable évolution des génomes au sein des populations (SVT)
Thème 3 - Une histoire du vivant
3B - L'évolution humaine (Enseignement scientifique)

The Battle to Teach Evolution in Public Schools Is Far From Over

Using the documents and your knowledge, explain how Darwin's theory of evolution has been and is still sometimes a controversial topic. You might want to tell what you know about his theory.

Document 1:

In 1925, a high school science teacher named John Scopes was arrested, tried¹, and convicted² of the crime of teaching evolution to his class in a public school in the state of Tennessee. Under a law known as The Butler Act, Tennessee had put a ban³ on the teaching of evolution in public schools. This act remained intact for almost another fifty years after Scopes, only to be repealed⁴ in 1967 after being challenged by another young science teacher: Gary L. Scott.

While it's no longer illegal for America's public school science teachers to teach evolution today, religious groups have endeavored⁵ to enforce⁶ the teaching of "alternatives" alongside evolution. These include biblical creationism, scientific creationism, and intelligent design — all of which teach that life on Earth did not arise solely through evolution. In the U.S., the majority of the pushback against evolution being taught in public schools has been driven by major Evangelical Protestant, Jehovah's Witness, and Mormon churches. Contrary to popular belief, the Catholic Church does not reject evolution.

While it may be controversial socially, evolution is not a controversial topic within the science community: a 2014 survey by the Pew Research Center found that 98 percent of scientists believe in evolution. Among the general public, one third of Americans reject evolution outright.

The misrepresentation of any scientific concept, evolution included, does not adequately prepare students for post-secondary education or their lives in a world that's being constantly innovated through scientific and technological advancements.

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- 1 : *juger* ;
- 2 : *condamner* ;
- 3 : *interdiction* ;
- 4 : *abroger, révoquer* ;
- 5 : *s'efforcer de* ;
- 6 : *imposer*.

Document 2:

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