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What is Critical Race Theory (CRT)?

Critical theory began in the 1930's with the work of men such as Wilhelm Reich, Erich Fromm and others who evolved Marxist doctrines to explain why those who they sought to liberate, the proletariat, were not flocking to the communist revolution. ¹ “Critical theory, whatever form it takes, relies on the concept of false consciousness – the notion that the oppressors control society so completely that the oppressed believe their own interests are served by the status quo.” *Id.* Critical theory conveniently posits every piece of evidence that refutes it to be discounted as evidence of oppression, and every denial of an accusation to be interpreted as proof of the accusation.

Critical *race* theory divides Americans into oppressor and oppressed based on their skin color. “Critical race theory, like other critical theories – post-colonialism or queer theory, for example – is self-certifying. Its basic claims, for example, that racism is systemic or that being non-racist is impossible, are not conclusions drawn from arguments. They are axioms, and they cannot be challenged by those who do not agree with them.” *Id.* CRT cannot be criticized or questioned, and to do so is deemed as an act of racism.

Critical Race Theory as State Sanctioned Racism

All individuals are capable of engaging in demeaning behavior toward others. Racism is wrong and race-based mistreatment is wrong. If a particular law impacts one group more, even if unintentionally, there are times society can find ways to alleviate it. People should be judged by the content of their character, not the color of their skin. In schools, we should encourage excellence, and inspire people from all racial backgrounds to achieve their potential.

Yet, CRT turns this on its head. CRT teaches people to judge others based on skin color, not character. CRT seeks to solve racism and injustice by engaging in racism and by endorsing inequality. CRT seeks to convince some kids to believe that they cannot make it in American society because of the color of their skin. It teaches falsely that this country was created by members of a particular race or sex to oppress members of another race or sex.

CRT's effect is to encourage racism and division. Ibram X. Kendi, in his book “**How to be an Anti-Racist**,” says “[t]he only remedy to racist discrimination is antiracist discrimination. The only remedy to past discrimination is present discrimination. The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination.” Kendi also says, “[r]acism and capitalism are conjoined twins,” “to truly be antiracist is to be feminist,” and “we cannot be antiracist if we are homophobic or transphobic.” CRT promotes equality of outcome, which is labeled as “equity,” rather than equality of opportunity. Equal outcomes rather than equal opportunity subject a person to tyranny. In order to achieve equity for one group another group has to be deprived. You cannot achieve equity without tyranny. Equity seeks equal outcomes without regard to truth.

KEY POINTS

Public institutions should not divide Americans into oppressor and oppressed based on skin color, or force individuals to coerce them into race essentialism, or racial superiority theory.

Public institutions should not coerce individuals to affirm, adopt, or adhere to collective guilt - that any individual bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by the same race or sex.

Bills to prevent inculcating these racist concepts DO NOT prohibit schools from teaching about racism, slavery, and segregation. Instead, such bills prohibit schools from coercing and indoctrinating students into racist theories or that individuals should be treated differently on the basis of race.

¹Professor Carl R. Trueman, <http://www.firstthings.com/article/2021/02/evangelicals-and-race-theory> (Erich Fromm thought in terms of class, Ibram X. Kendi thinks in terms of race, but it's the same horse, different jockey. Critical race theory is the Marxist horse, ridden by the jockey of identity politics rather than the jockey of class warfare).

Legislative Efforts to Prevent Compelled CRT – a current sampling

In recent months, state legislatures in nine states, including AZ, TX, TN, FL, AR, OK, NH, IA, and ID, have passed laws protecting 75 million Americans from state-sanctioned racism known as Critical Race Theory. Several other states have passed resolutions, released letters from their Department of Law or have introduced similar legislation.

Laws and policies that prevent state agencies and public schools from compelling employees and students to believe or promote the key principles of critical race theory, including race essentialism, collective guilt, neo-segregation, and racial superiority serve to protect the individual's right to conscience (First Amendment), right to equal protection under the law (Fourteenth Amendment), and right against racial discrimination (Civil Rights Act of 1964).

Arizona	House Bill 2906
Texas	House Bill 379
Tennessee	House Bill 580
Florida	House Bill 5, House Bill 233 and Senate Bill 1108
Arkansas	Senate Bill 627
Oklahoma	House Bill 1775
New Hampshire	HB 544
Iowa	House File 802
Idaho	House Bill 377
Pennsylvania	House Bill 1532
Georgia	Resolution of the State Board of Education
Montana	Letter from Attorney General
Ohio	House Bill 322

[Trump Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping](#)

[Reversed by Biden Executive Order](#)– January 20, 2021

School Boards across the country are telling schools to avoid using the word “equality” and replace it with “equity,” avoid using “riot” and instead use “protests,” avoid using “minority student” and instead use “marginalized individuals/groups”. Schools are forcing teachers to be trained and to train kids in this manner. One diagram called the “Pyramid of Hate” teaches children as young as four years old that “our society” is built on “biased attitudes,” “systemic discrimination,” and “bias-motivated violence,” which can lead to “genocide.”

What's Happening In Alaska With Critical Race Theory?

The University of Alaska Board of Regents is considering support for mandatory CRT training for all employees. The two largest campuses, in Anchorage and in Fairbanks, are currently teaching CRT as courses. The Anchorage School Board, overseeing the largest school district in the state, recently adopted critical race theory as an official policy. If you are aware of CRT being taught in other school districts, please send an email to jim@akfamily.org. You can also go to the Alaska Parental Rights in Education Facebook page to learn more about CRT in the Great Land and determine how best you can engage on this important issue.



Alaska Family Action (AFA) is prioritizing this matter and will be working with the Alaska Legislature to advance legislation to prevent CRT from being forced upon teachers, students and families. In addition, we will be encouraging the Alaska Department of Law to issue an opinion similar to what the Montana Attorney General did that stated, *“Committing racial discrimination in the name of ending racial discrimination is both illogical and illegal. It goes against the exceptional principles on which our nation was founded and has no place in our state.”*

AFA will also be working with influencers from across the state to establish a strategy on how best to move forward including the creation and implementation of a public education campaign, hosting townhalls and rallies and identifying allies within the school, business and political arenas.

For more information on Critical Race Theory, please review the following sites.

- No Left Turn in Education - noleftturn.us
- Foundation Against Intolerance & Racism (FAIR) – fairforall.org
- Heritage Foundation (Critical Race Theory)
- Parents Defending Education - defendinged.org
- ChristopherRufo.com
- Family Research Council (Critical Race Theory)