

What Parents Should Know about Critical Race Theory

Most proponents of Critical Race Theory don't use or recognize the term. In public schools, it's referred to as “**anti-racism,**” “**equity education,**” or “**diversity, equity, and inclusion.**” In the culture, it is also referred to as “**wokeness**” and “**social justice.**”

What Is Critical Race Theory?

Critical Theory looks at the world through a lens of power and believes that oppressive power structures are the source of social problems. This worldview draws from Marxism, postmodernism, Nietzsche, and Freud.

Critical Race Theory (CRT), a subset of Critical Theory, sees the world through the lens of race. Anything wrong with society is due to racism. Whites are nonredeemable oppressors, and people of color are the oppressed. The United States is systemically racist because the government and the dominant culture are controlled by white people. This white supremacy is used to keep other people oppressed.

This theory turns the dream of Martin Luther King, Jr., on its head. Instead of judging people by the content of their character, they are judged by their skin color.

CRT Beliefs

- CRT rejects equal protection before the law. Instead, people must be treated according to their race. This violates the 14th Amendment and the Civil Rights Act of 1964.
- CRT supports segregation, race quotas and benefits, and race-based redistribution of wealth. “The only remedy to present discrimination is future discrimination” Ibram Kendi, *How to Be an Antiracist*.
- CRT believes free speech advances white supremacy and advocates for speech restrictions on anything they think is "racist" or "hateful."
- CRT promotes new segregation, often called "racial affinity groups" or "racial caucuses," where the different races have separate living quarters, facilities, medical services, etc. This is to protect people of color from "whiteness."
- Following Marxism, CRT is anti-capitalist and demands the redistribution of property, claiming whites dominate through the free market and that whiteness is linked to property.

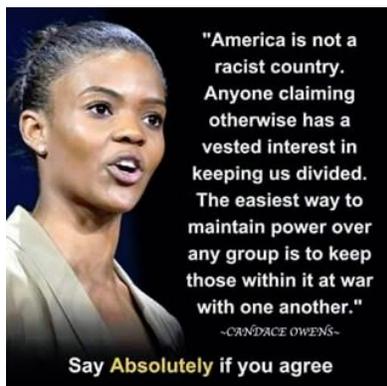
CRT in a Classroom

- Instead of developing a national identity, CRT schools teach children that America is racist and causes them to hate their nation.

- Teachers instill in children that racism is everywhere. Students of color are told that they will always be victims and never succeed because the whites will oppress them. This causes groups to hate each other.
- CRT views meritocracy as a tool of suppression. They reject standardized tests and competitive admission in the education system. Oregon has instituted Equity Math where students of color don't need to show their work or even get the correct answer—because that would be racist!
- Students may only do activities with those of the same race. For example, white students are told they are racist and may not participate in a black-only or Hispanic-only activity.
- Teachers must teach children based on the stereotype of their ethnic background, not their personal learning styles or needs.
- CRT history classes draw from the much-criticized *1619 Project*, which claims America was founded on slavery.
- CRT promotes “white guilt.” For example, the South Whidbey School Board reads a “land acknowledgment” at the beginning of each meeting. This reminds white people of their guilt for living on land stolen from Native Americans.
- CRT teaches that all disparities are due to racism and never related to personal responsibility or choice.
- Students are to be disciplined by race. Under the Obama Administration, to reduce the number of black boys being disciplined, schools formed quota systems. If they had punished too many black boys in a given month, they would stop disciplining them, or the school would punish white or Asian children for minor infractions to make the discipline statistics look equitable.

Take Action

- Learn more about Critical Race Theory and talk to your family about it.
- Watch for and gather evidence of CRT in your schools.
- Talk to teachers, administrators, or the school board about changing their policies.
- Educate your elected officials about the CRT you find in your schools and ask them to fight it.



Critical Race Theory abuses children with guilt and division and teaches them false ideas about history and human relations. Moreover, it is a secular religion seeking proselytes. It is wrong to force an ideology onto school children. This neo-Marxism must be rooted out of our education system and our culture before it destroys our nation.