

# CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLES

Understanding Critical Race Theory

## MANY STATES ARE BANNING CRITICAL RACE THEORY

- Critical Race Theory will be explicitly excluded from Florida's new statewide civics education, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis said while unveiling the program. NY Post 5/18/21
- Oklahoma public school teachers will be prohibited from teaching certain concepts of race and racism under a bill Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt signed into law Friday. ABC News 5/7/21
- The Texas House advanced legislation Tuesday in a 81-52 vote that would restrict public school districts from incorporating [critical race theory](#) into their curricula. Yahoo! News 5/11/21
- Idaho's governor, Brad Little, has a bill signed into law that aims to restrict critical race theory from being taught as a subject in schools and universities. The Guardian 5/6/21

## BUT SOME STATES ARE MANDATING CRITICAL RACE THEORY BE TAUGHT

On May 5, Governor Jay Inslee of Washington signed Senate Bill 5044 into law, which requires Critical Race Theory (CRT) training for all school staff, board directors, teachers, and administrators in public schools across the state.  
Independent Sentinel, 5/9/21

## COMPANIES ARE EMBRACING CRT: WALT DISNEY

Disney's critical race theory training docs for employees were revealed by whistleblower Chris Rufo, a conservative activist and documentary filmmaker.

"I've obtained internal documents that will shock you," Rufo wrote on [Threadreader](#).

Pictures of a handbook titled "Reimagine Tomorrow" appear on one of Rufo's Twitter posts with the accompanying message: "According to a trove of whistleblower materials, Disney has launched a 'diversity and inclusion' program, called 'Reimagine Tomorrow,' which includes trainings on 'systemic racism,' 'white privilege,' 'white fragility,' 'white saviors,' 'microaggressions,' and 'antiracism.'"

Newsmax 5/8/21

## COMPANIES ARE EMBRACING CRT: COCA COLA

On Friday, Karlyn Borysenko, an activist who supports banning critical race theory, shared images from an internal whistleblower of the company's online racism training. The slides included tips to learners on how to be "less white, less arrogant, less certain, less defensive, less ignorant and more humble."

"In the U.S. and other Western nations, white people are socialized to feel that they are inherently superior because they are white," one of the slides read. "Research shows that by age 3 to 4, children understand that it is better to be white."

Newsweek 2/21/21

# CHRISTIAN GROUPS ARE STRUGGLING WITH CRT

- Most Seminaries have embraced it under the euphemism "Social Justice"
- **Southern Baptist Seminary presidents reaffirm BFM, declare CRT incompatible**
  - "The statement declares that while condemning 'racism in any form,' the seminaries agree that "affirmation of Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality and any version of Critical Theory is incompatible with the Baptist Faith & Message." Baptist Press, 11/30/20

## SOME DEFINITIONS FOR CRITICAL RACE THEORY

- ““Critical Race Theory, or CRT, is a theoretical and interpretive mode that examines the appearance of race and racism across dominant cultural modes of expression.”  
[https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject\\_specific\\_writing/writing\\_in\\_literature/literary\\_theory\\_and\\_schools\\_of\\_criticism/critical\\_race\\_theory.html](https://owl.purdue.edu/owl/subject_specific_writing/writing_in_literature/literary_theory_and_schools_of_criticism/critical_race_theory.html)
- ““Critical race theory (CRT), the view that the law and legal institutions are inherently racist and that race itself, instead of being biologically grounded and natural, is a socially constructed concept that is used by white people to further their economic and political interests at the expense of people of colour.” <https://www.britannica.com/topic/critical-race-theory>
- ““Critical race theory (CRT) is a movement that challenges the ability of conventional legal strategies to deliver social and economic justice and specifically calls for legal approaches that take into consideration race as a nexus of American life.” <https://www.mtsu.edu/first-amendment/article/1254/critical-race-theory>

# CRITICAL RACE THEORY'S ROOTS ARE IN CLASSICAL MARXISM

- Marxism views the fundamental problem in society as the imbalance of power and wealth between capitalists and workers.
- Marxism divides societies into two classes
  - The ruling class (Bourgeois) - The ruling class inherits and sustains all social, political, and legal conditions so they can control most of the wealth and resources
  - The working class (Proletariat) - The working class is stuck in poverty and social abuse
- The solution is for the proletariat to rise up against the ruling class.
- Once the revolution is over, power and wealth are better balanced, but still not perfect, with some benefitting more than others.
- This will require subsequent violent revolutions, until at some point the oscillation between classes results in a classless communist utopia.

## CRT FILLS THE VACUUM LEFT BY MARXISM'S FAILURE

- Classical Marxism has failed wherever it has been tried
- Over 100 million have died and millions more have suffered in Russia, China, and worldwide because of Marxism
- The class struggle does not appeal to Americans, so Marxism could not flourish here in the past, since most Americans have historically believed in the American dream - that anyone can become wealthy and powerful, no matter how humble their beginnings.

# CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS NEO-MARXISM

- Critical Race Theory was formulated in 1989 by academics at Columbia, UCLA, and other universities
- Critical Race Theory substitutes race for economic status.
  - Whites are the ruling class (Bourgeois)
  - Blacks and some others are the working class (Proletariat)
- A CNN.com article by Faith Karimi claims that Critical Race Theory is not “neo-Marxism”, claiming it goes back to W.E.B. Dubois. But W.E.B Dubois was a Marxist

## CRT CLAIM: ALL WHITES ARE OPPRESSORS

- White men are generally the most-wealthy, hold the highest positions of power in government and business, occupy the majority of seats on the highest courts, etc.
- White men who openly espouse racist views have been allowed to govern. They continue to be celebrated and commemorated as major contributors to society.
- The legal system created by white men protects their wealth and power, and disproportionately charges, incarcerates, and even executes people of color. It does not uphold a timeless, objective, God-given ideal of justice as it claims. For, there is no such thing.
- The very stories that we cherish feature white heroes—a white Christopher Columbus who courageously discovered America; a white George Washington who fought for independence; a white Abraham Lincoln who saved the union; a white Santa Claus who regularly checks up on whether children have been good or bad; a white Jesus, who saves the world; etc. And these heroes are associated with what have been called “white” ideals of righteousness and success.

# CRT CLAIM: ALL MINORITIES AND WOMEN ARE OPPRESSED

- CRT suggests that race, gender and other identities are social constructs that support larger systems of oppression.
- White men—by virtue of their male sex and light skin color—are oppressors twice over, while black women are twice oppressed, and white women are both oppressors of blacks and oppressed by men.
- Within this system, success is possible, but only if one joins the system that critical race theorists believe oppresses people of color. Thus if an oppressed individual achieves success, he or she becomes an oppressor regardless of their identity.

## CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS A “ZERO SUM” GAME

- There is just so much wealth. If one person has more, others have less. The oppressors have their wealth because they have stolen it from those who earned it.
- Critical Race Theory, like classical Marxism, views human beings in purely materialist terms. So race, sexual orientation, gender identity aren't mere aspects of who we are, they are our defining characteristics. In each of these areas, we are either part of oppressed groups or we are oppressors.
- The oppressed group automatically has moral authority, while the oppressor group does not.
- Someone who is a racial minority or a sexual minority of some kind is automatically a victim of oppression and has claims against oppressors since they gained their privilege that makes their life easier at the expense of their oppressed neighbors.

# INDIVIDUAL CHOICES AND SITUATIONS DON'T MATTER

- Individual choices and life situations do not matter
  - Growing up in a fatherless home doesn't matter in CRT
  - Hard work doesn't matter in CRT
  - Faith, education, sexual decisions, family stability, are unrelated to success or failure
  - Ethnic identity is the determinant of success or failure
- All factors become part of the oppressor-oppressed paradigm.
- Logic, math, Christianity itself, are all part of the oppressor-oppressed paradigm
- Your entire life is determined by the amount of melanin in your skin.

# DEFINITIONS OF CRT JARGON

# INTERSECTIONALITY

- “Intersectionality refers to the simultaneous experience of categorical and hierarchical classifications including but not limited to [race](#), [class](#), [gender](#), sexuality, and nationality. It also refers to the fact that what is often perceived as disparate forms of oppression, like [racism](#), classism, [sexism](#), and [xenophobia](#), are actually mutually dependent and intersecting in nature, and together they compose a unified [system of oppression](#). Thus, the privileges we enjoy and the discrimination we face are a product of our unique positioning in society as determined by these social classifiers.” Thoughtco.com
- Intersectionality increases the degree of oppression

## MATRIX OF PRIVILEGE

The point of understanding intersectionality is to understand the variety of privileges and/or forms of oppression that one may experience simultaneously at any given time. For instance, when examining the social world through an intersectional lens, one can see that a wealthy, white, heterosexual man who is a citizen of the United States experiences the world from [the apex of privilege](#). He is in the higher strata of economic class, he is at the top of the racial hierarchy of U.S. society, his gender places him in a position of power within a patriarchal society, his sexuality marks him as “normal,” and his nationality bestows upon him a wealth of privilege and power in global context.

# MICROAGGRESSION

- **Microaggression** is a term used for brief and commonplace daily verbal, behavioral or environmental indignities, whether intentional or unintentional, that communicate hostile, derogatory, or negative attitudes toward stigmatized or culturally marginalized groups.
- “Psychologist [Derald Wing Sue](#) defines microaggressions as "brief, everyday exchanges that send denigrating messages to certain individuals because of their group membership". The persons making the comments may be otherwise well-intentioned and unaware of the potential impact of their words.”

Paludi MA (2012). *Managing Diversity in Today's Workplace: Strategies for Employees and Employers*. [Praeger Publishing](#). ISBN 978-0-313-39317-4.

## EQUITY (NOT TO BE CONFUSED WITH EQUALITY)

- Equality is the principle proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence, defended in the Civil War at the cost of 600,000 lives, and made into law in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Amendments, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Equality to CRT is merely nondiscrimination so as to provide camouflage for white supremacy, patriarchy, and oppression
- Equity as defined by critical race theorists is reformulated Marxism. To promote equity, Chery Harris, UCLA Law Professor proposes suspending property rights, seizing land and wealth, and redistributing them based on race.

# CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN GOVERNMENT

# CRT IN GOVERNMENT

“What does critical race theory look like in practice? Last year (2020), I authored a series of reports focused on critical race theory in the federal government.”

“The FBI was holding workshops on intersectionality theory. The Department of Homeland Security was telling white employees they were committing “microinequities” and had been “socialized into oppressor roles.” The Treasury Department held a training session telling staff members that “virtually all white people contribute to racism” and that they must convert “everyone in the federal government” to the ideology of “antiracism.” And the Sandia National Laboratories, which designs America’s nuclear arsenal, sent white male executives to a three-day reeducation camp, where they were told that “white male culture” was analogous to the “KKK,” “white supremacists,” and “mass killings.” The executives were then forced to renounce their “white male privilege” and write letters of apology to fictitious women and people of color.”

Christopher Rufo, Imprimis, March 2021

# THE PROPOSED FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIRACISM

- Ibram X. Kendi, Director of Antiracist research at Boston University, has proposed the creation of a Federal Department of Antiracism which would be completely independent and able to nullify or abolish and law at any level of government and shut down the speech of anyone not considered sufficiently “antiracist”.
- Kendi has stated, “In order to truly be antiracist, you also have to truly be anti-capitalist.”

## AN EQUITY BASED GOVERNMENT WOULD:

- Eliminate private property
- Eliminate individual rights, only group rights
- Bring an end to equality under the law
- End federalism
- Terminate freedom of speech

## FURTHER, EQUITY BASED GOVERNMENT WOULD:

- Wealth would be distributed based on race
- Rights would be group based
- Implement strong “antihate speech” laws
- Promote active discrimination against perceived oppressors
- Implement an omnipotent bureaucratic authority to replace courts
- Overturn the principles in the Declaration of Independence and destroy what is left of the Constitution

# PROBLEMS WITH CRITICAL RACE THEORY

# THE JUSTIFICATION FOR CRITICAL RACE THEORY

- Claim of systemic racism emanating from white ownership of slaves
- Therefore, all white wealth is based on the hard work and abuse of black slaves and women.

## ALL RACES OWNED SLAVES

- The first legal slave owner in America was a black tobacco farmer named Anthony Johnson
- “A former indentured servant himself, Anthony Johnson was a “free negro” who owned a 250-acre farm in Virginia during the 1650s, with five indentured servants under contract to him. One of them, a black man named [John Casor](#), claimed that his term of service had expired years earlier and Johnson was holding him illegally. In 1654, a civil court found that Johnson in fact owned Casor’s services for life, an outcome historian R Halliburton Jr. calls “one of the first known legal sanctions of slavery — other than as a punishment for crime.” (Snopes)

## A LARGE NUMBER OF SLAVES WERE OWNED BY BLACKS

There were approximately 319,599 free blacks in the United States in 1830. Approximately 13.7 per cent of the total black population was free. A significant number of these free blacks were the owners of slaves. **The census of 1830 lists 3,775 free Negroes who owned a total of 12,760 slaves.**

## AMERICAN INDIANS OWNED BLACK SLAVES

Historian Tiya Miles places the number of enslaved people held by Cherokees at around 600 at the start of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and around 1,500 at the time of westward removal in 1838-9. Creeks, Choctaws, and Chickasaws, she said, held around 3,500 slaves, across the three nations, as the 19<sup>th</sup> century began. (Snopes)

## WHITES WERE ALSO SLAVES IN AMERICA

- “The Irish slave trade began when James II sold 30,000 Irish prisoners as slaves to the New World. His Proclamation of 1625 required Irish political prisoners be sent overseas and sold to English settlers in the West Indies. By the mid 1600s, the Irish were the main slaves sold to Antigua and Montserrat. At that time, 70% of the total population of Montserrat were Irish slaves.
- From 1641 to 1652, over 500,000 Irish were killed by the English and another 300,000 were sold as slaves. Ireland’s population fell from about 1,500,000 to 600,000 in one single decade. Families were ripped apart as the British did not allow Irish fathers to take their wives and children with them across the Atlantic. This led to a helpless population of homeless women and children. Britain’s solution was to auction them off as well.
- During the 1650s, over 100,000 Irish children between the ages of 10 and 14 were taken from their parents and sold as slaves in the West Indies, Virginia and New England. In this decade, 52,000 Irish (mostly women and children) were sold to Barbados and Virginia. Another 30,000 Irish men and women were also transported and sold to the highest bidder. In 1656, Cromwell ordered that 2000 Irish children be taken to Jamaica and sold as slaves to English settlers.”

John Martin, [The Slaves That Time Forgot](#)

## THE BREEDING OF IRISH AND AFRICAN SLAVES

- “African slaves were very expensive during the late 1600s (50 Sterling). Irish slaves came cheap (no more than 5 Sterling). If a planter whipped or branded or beat an Irish slave to death, it was never a crime. A death was a monetary setback, but far cheaper than killing a more expensive African.
- The English masters quickly began breeding the Irish women for both their own personal pleasure and for greater profit. Children of slaves were themselves slaves, which increased the size of the master’s free workforce. Even if an Irish woman somehow obtained her freedom, her kids would remain slaves of her master. Thus, Irish moms, even with this new found emancipation, would seldom abandon their kids and would remain in servitude.
- In time, the English thought of a better way to use these women (in many cases, girls as young as 12) to increase their market share: The settlers began to breed Irish women and girls with African men to produce slaves with a distinct complexion. These new “mulatto” slaves brought a higher price than Irish livestock and, likewise, enabled the settlers to save money rather than purchase new African slaves.”

John Martin, [The Slaves That Time Forgot](#)

# WHITES AND BLACKS TOGETHER ENDED SLAVERY

- 600,000 white men died in the Civil War.
- Many blacks worked to end slavery also.
  - E.g. - Frederick Douglass, Dred Scott, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, Nat Turner, and many others
- The Republican Party was founded for the express purpose of ending slavery

# THE BIBLICAL VIEW

## SOME BIBLICAL PROBLEMS WITH CRT

- There is only one race, the human race, created in God's image.
- All have sinned and fallen short of the grace of God, not just "white oppressors".
- CRT does not permit grace or forgiveness
- It displaces God's ability to forgive individuals
  - "Man looks on the outside, God looks at the heart"

## CRT CREATES FAVORITISM THAT GOD FORBIDS

- “For if a man comes into your assembly with a gold ring and dressed in fine clothes, and there also comes in a poor man in dirty clothes, 3 and you pay special attention to the one who is wearing the fine clothes, and say, “You sit here in a good place,” and you say to the poor man, “You stand over there, or sit down by my footstool,” 4 have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil motives?” ([James 2:2–4](#)).

# HOW SHOULD A CHRISTIAN RESPOND

- Speak of God's Forgiveness and Grace
- Emphasize that Jesus came as a servant
- Push politicians to ban critical race theory in public institutions
- Push for laws that will define critical race theory as discrimination
  - CRT promotes neo-segregation
- Promote the true story of America
- Speak of striving for excellence for all rather than striving for diversity

## CONDEMN RACISM, SEEK RECONCILIATION

- Racism is a sin, but it is not restricted only to those who are white in skin color. It exists among all people groups.
- It is our nature to judge others by our own standards. Instead, we need to judge others by the standard that God has revealed in Scripture and through the person of Christ. We are all equally in need of redemption and repentance.
- “The ground is level at the foot of the cross.”
- “Forgive us our sins as we forgive others.”

# JUSTICE IS IMPOSSIBLE WITHOUT GOD

- When justice is advocated without God as the standard, then justice becomes the changing standard of those who pressure others and the tool of those who don't know God to force others into compliance with the New Social Norm standard. They neglect the heart's issues and seek to replace Christ's redemptive work with Social Justice moral standards. This is humanism, and it is dangerous.
- Finally, this imposition of standards upon others by threat of punishment from the cancel culture only exacerbates racism. It brings about the opposite of what it requires. Not surprisingly, this problem is reflected in understanding the nature of God's law. It brings about the opposite of what it requires because it is externally required, not internally motivated. The law of God says, "you shall not covet" ([Exodus 20:17](#)), But shows us where we covet.
- "What shall we say then? Is the Law sin? May it never be! On the contrary, I would not have come to know sin except through the Law; for I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, "YOU SHALL NOT COVET." 8 But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, produced in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin is dead," ([Romans 7:7-8](#)).
- Likewise, critical race theory and its accusations of white privilege, bigotry, and racism do not produce heartfelt repentance because it is not regenerative. It tends to increase the thing it is trying to prevent. Instead, it is only the gospel that saves and only the gospel that has the power to change people's hearts.

## CRITICAL RACE THEORY IS A CUNNINGLY DEvised FABLE

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:8

For we have not followed **cunningly devised fables**, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty.

2 Peter 1:16