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White fragility. Intersectionality. Social justice. What do these terms mean? These are buzzwords for what is known as **Critical Race Theory**. If you feel like Critical Race Theory, or CRT, is a recent phenomenon, it is not. Made popular, by the recent mass buy-in from schools, corporate America, and government agencies, CRT has pushed its way into every aspect of American life--including the church. Knowing the truth about Critical Race Theory and its many terms and deceptive practices will provide the intercessory intelligence needed to pray about and take action to counteract this deeply evil movement. Take notes. Pray over this information. Intercede for those who are deluded about CRT and for those who are fighting it. The spiritual battle is raging.

WHAT ARE THE ROOTS OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY?

Critical Race Theory is a worldview rooted in Marxism and postmodern philosophy that is opposed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. It separates individuals in groups based on race and pits them against one another in order to overthrow societies, with race as the excuse for revolution. Its fruit is not redemption, reconciliation, restoration, and unity but rather division, intimidation, harassment, and chaos. CRT is a threat to liberty, community, and democracy. Racism is real and it needs to be addressed as sin. **The solution to ending racism is not another form of racism.** CRT is a form of racism.

DEFINING WHAT CRT IS ALL ABOUT

Our discernment leads us to a **spiritual definition** of Critical Race Theory-- a demonic attack on unity and biblical identity that masquerades as a remedy to injustice and disunity. In a **secular definition**, proponents would define CRT, also called Critical Theory, as an academic movement made up of <u>civil-rights scholars</u> and activists in the United States who seek to critically examine the <u>law</u> as it intersects with issues of <u>race</u>. The Critical Race Theory movement <u>says</u> that incremental change such as what the civil rights movement relied on, is not enough and that the very foundations of reason, equality theory, constitutional law, and rationalism should be shaken quickly to bring the desired result.

The ideas which CRT is derived from are a branch of legal scholarship called **Critical Legal Studies** (CLS). CLS are a branch of the school of philosophy called <u>Critical Theory</u>. These ideas--class warfare and "sowing discord among neighbors"--is a classic Marxist tactic, one that we saw <u>play out in Soviet-era Russia</u>. Dictatorial rule is easier when the "peasants" are fighting each other.

Marx created discord, exploited that discord, and then inflamed discord and widened division. Saul Alinsky in his book, <u>Rules for</u> <u>Radicals</u>, described it this way: "rub resentments raw."

These tactics used by communists (Marx, Stalin, Mao, Alinsky, and others) are eerily similar to the way critical race theory – and all identity politics – has been applied in America. There are victims. There are oppressors. And there are "allies"--those who redeem themselves from their position in the feud by becoming an "ally" of the victim.



HOW IT WORKS

CRT works by pushing two coordinating themes:

- First, CRT purports that white supremacy is rampant and its power is entrenched in our laws, culture, our systems, our language, our education, and our nation.
- Second, CRT purports that racial emancipation and anti-subordination must occur with the transformation of culture and laws that address racial power.

It essentially creates and inflames the problem and then presents the solution.

But CRT is about more than race. Additional groups are also oppressed classes. Intersectionality is a term that is used to describe when someone belongs to more than one oppressed group. It is also described as a **qualitative analytic framework**. Identity characteristics such as gender, age, sexual preference, disability, appearance, income, education, immigration status, religious affiliation are all other potential oppressions, or as they call it, "interlocking systems of power." There is even an "intersectionality score" for those who can identify with several of the victim categories.

CRT runs right into Christianity. As Neil Shenvi explains, "critical theory claims that members of oppressed groups have special access to truth because of their 'lived experience' of oppression. Such insight is unavailable to members of oppressor groups, who are blinded by their privilege. Consequently, any appeals to 'objective evidence' or 'reason' made by dominant groups are actually surreptitious bids for continued institutional power." As Christians we know Jesus is the truth and it is the Enemy, Satan, who blinds us to seeing Truth.

It is so much more involved than the simplified themes named above. In order to make this theory take root, sell, and see mass implementation, a complex and multi-layered approach to "dealing with the problem" fuels Critical Race Theory. CRT is not only being pushed in every level of our nation, it is earning some folks a lot of money.

THE BUZZ WORDS

<u>Click here</u> to see the definition of special terms as the Critical Race Theory movement defines them. Be on the lookout for anything that uses these words--it is most likely involved in promoting CRT ideas.



Cisaender Colonization Cultural Appropriation Cultural Misappropriation Cultural Racism Implicit/Inherent Bias Individual Racism Institutional Racism Internalized Racism Interpersonal Racism Intersectionality Microaggression Multicultural Competency Oppression People of Color Privilege

Racial and Ethnic Identity Racial Equity Racial Identity Development Theory Racial Justice Racialization Restorative Justice Settler Colonialism Structural Racialization Structural Racism Targeted Universalism White Fragility White Privilege White Supremacy Culture Whiteness

GOD'S WORDS

CRT divides and redefines. What is the truth? Let's start with God's Word.

IDENTITY: So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. (Gen 1:27)

VALUE: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. (Ps 139:14)

APPEARANCE: But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart. (1 Sam 16:7)

UNITY: That together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 15:6)

EQUALITY: There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. (Gal 3:28)

SUPREMACY: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev 7:9-10)

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

There are countless stories of how critical race theory is applied in practical ways into schools, businesses, and elsewhere, and the results it brings. Don't assume your community is immune. This ideology is saturating all corners of our nation as "education." Here are some of the plentiful examples.

NORTH CAROLINA

Christopher Rufo <u>reports</u>, "Last year, the Wake County Public School System, which serves the greater Raleigh, North Carolina area, held an equity-themed teachers' conference with sessions on "whiteness," "microaggressions," "racial mapping," and "disrupting texts," encouraging educators to form "equity teams" in schools and push the new party line: 'antiracism.'... Parents, according to the teachers, should be considered an impediment to social justice."

VIRGINIA

According to an <u>investigative report</u> by The Daily Wire's Luke Rosiak, a group of former teachers and parents from Loudoun County, Virginia targeted parents who had concerns about the Critical Race Theory curriculum taught in classes. They tracked who had voiced concerns or disagreement, and planned to 'infiltrate' the group of concerned parents, proposed 'hackers' to target communications, and 'expose these people publicly.' "Members of a 624-member private Facebook group called 'Anti-Racist Parents of Loudoun County' named parents and plotted fundraising and other offline work," The Daily Wire <u>reports</u>.

MILITARY

West Point, the U.S. Military Academy, is now requiring cadets to read "Critical Race Theory: An Introduction" and "A Critical Introduction to Queer Theory" in one of its leadership courses.

ILLINOIS

"In <u>Evanston, Illinois</u>, parents are asked to quiz their kids on whiteness and give them approachable examples of 'how whiteness shows up in school or in the community.' One of the books that they use to share CRT with children as young as 4-5 features an illustration depicting a devil holding a "contract binding you to whiteness."

MASSACHUSETTS

A long-tenured public school football coach, who is also a parent, was <u>fired</u> from his job for voicing concerns about the new direction of Critical Race Theory principles.

"Critical Race Theory believes racism is present in every aspect of life, every relationship, and every interaction." -James Lindsay from <u>New Discourse</u>

WHERE ARE WE SEEING CRT?

Critical Race Theory is embedded in schools, government agencies, universities, media, and entertainment. We also found CRT deeply entrenched in professional sports, corporate America, the military, and even churches and ministries.

If you have ever been asked to attend sensitivity training, seen a product commercial about "justice," been instructed to use different pronouns or terms that are more politically correct, were told as a shareholder that profits are second to diversity, or made to feel ashamed of being white or superior for being black or brown, you have experienced Critical Race Theory in action.

CRT is saturating so many areas of our lives. How did this happen? What started in the 1970s as fringe degrees programs offered in obscure impractical areas has now led to real power for radical ideologies.



Those in the business (and we do mean business) of pushing Critical Race Theory are the ideological enforcers. When you are in charge of the rules, such as who is racist, what is acceptable, who should be in power and more, you become untouchable. It is the perfect combination of ideology and power.

Part of the great danger of Critical Race Theory is that it is introduced as a compassionate and just approach. It has become a large part of public school instruction and a cornerstone in our culture. We now have an entire generation of young people who have grown up with this ideology, and are combining it with the Gospel for a dangerous hybrid--the "social justice gospel."

Sadly churches are a hotbed for pushing Critical Race Theory as many seek to be "relevant" or solve issues of hurt with worldly solutions instead of Christ. **Dr. Jim Garlow** of Well Versed, states, "Let's be clear. Social Justice and Critical Race Theory are antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Neither do they address the core of racism, but rather, fan the flames of it. **Racism is real, but Social Justice and CRT do not provide authentic biblical solutions to the problem.**"

Dr. Carol Swain <u>warns</u>, "Christians should push back against CRT in both the church and the home. The Church should be teaching the world rather than adopting failed, secular theories." Swain is part of <u>1776 Unites</u> is a alternative to CRT, that brings uniting, truthful history to students.

The gospel of social justice impacts the basic understanding of the orthodox views of sin, salvation, and sanctification, as well as perspectives on identity, marriage, parental authority, and other aspects of biblical faith.



BE ON ALERT FOR THESE CRT BOOKS AND CURRICULUM

These are just some of the books and curricula used by the Critical Race Theory movement to promote this ideology. Be familiar with these. Watch for them in use in your local schools, libraries, community, places of business, and in our government. You can track where critical race theory is being taught in universities and learn more <u>HERE</u>.

NOT MY IDEA: A BOOK ABOUT WHITENESS BY ANASTASIA HIGGINBOTHAM

This book is aimed at schoolchildren, used in classrooms as young as 4-5. It features the white contract with the devil.

THE 1619 PROJECT

BY NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

The <u>curriculum</u> seeks to rewrite American history with the claim that our nation's founding was based on slavery and oppression versus freedom and democracy. This curriculum was adopted by schools across the nation--3,500 classrooms!

BLACK LIVES MATTER AT SCHOOL

BY BLACK LIVES MATTER

An entire <u>curriculum</u> that is based on Critical Race Theory. It in addition to the K-12 curriculum, the program includes national uprising events, mandates on discipline at schools, as well as express demands on hiring and infusing CRT and "queer theory" in more areas of education.

HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST, ANTI-RACIST BABY, AND STAMPED (FOR KIDS)

IBRAM X. KENDI

Kendi is one of the prolific writers of Critical Race Theory writings. He has a spectrum of books for all ages. **How to be Anti-Racist** is one of the foundational books that is used in schools and educational units. There is a workbook available. **Anti-Racist Baby** is an illustrated children's book. **Stamped** is a chapter book for young readers. All put forth CRT ideology.

WHITE FRAGILITY BY ROBIN DIANGELO

Used in schools and CRT curriculum, this book coined the phrase "white fragility."

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PRAY FOR THE 'WHO' OF CRITICAL RACE THEORY

LEADERS IN PROMOTING CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Pray for these proponents of Critical Race Theory, that their eyes would be opened to the truth about identity and justice, as Christ defines it.



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IBRAM X. KENDI CRT AUTHOR AND ACTIVIST

LEADERS IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Pray for those who are exposing and fighting the charge against Critical Race Theory, for protection and for traction in their message.



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"There is no room in our classrooms for things like Critical Race Theory. Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money." -<u>Florida Governor Ron DeSantis</u> standing against Critical Race Theory



HOW CAN WE LOOK BIBLICALLY AT CRITICAL THEORY AND PRAY?

Intrinsic value of all people is a biblical principle. Equality wasn't a modern activists' idea--it was God's. But just as the God-given value of all who are created by God is the foundation of true equality, the Enemy seeks to counterfeit God. He twists it to deceive and point away from God's design.

Where God created male and female, the Enemy twists and tempts with "selfidentification" and alternative genders.

Where God created the family with a mother and father, the Enemy sows deception with alternative families featuring two mommies or even the new "throuple" that has recently been accepted legally. Where God creates people made uniquely and differently on the outside, yet with the same heart and God-shaped vacuum on the inside, the Enemy exploits and divides by race and circumstance, breeding hate and discord.

The antidote to racism is not more racism. What CRT offers is another form of racism that divides, further enslaves, and turns us away from God.

Justice is a biblical mandate and we should seek it. But **biblical justice**, not **social justice** is the answer. What's the difference? The standard. Social justice relies on the terms and ideas of man to create the standard for what is a breech of justice, and what will repair it and restore it. Biblical justice is based on God's commands and values. We as believers should not be looking to the world for answers to heart problems and sin--we should be looking to God's Word.

"We see images in the news of white people down on their knees, begging for forgiveness, when Jesus Christ died on the cross one time for our past, present, and future sins."

-Dr. Carol Swain



PRAYER POINTS FOR THE CRITICAL RACE THEORY ISSUE

MATURITY Ephesians 4:14-15

Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God, as we mature to the full measure of the stature of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ Himself, who is the head....

STRENGTH Galatians 1: 6-9

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.

REDEMPTION Galatians 3:3

Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now made perfect by the flesh?

DISCERNMENT Ephesians 5:6

Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience.

PURE ACTIONS Colossians 2:23

Such restrictions indeed have an appearance of wisdom, with their selfprescribed worship, their false humility, and their harsh treatment of the body; but they are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh.

WISDOM 1 Timothy 6:20

[G]uard what has been entrusted to you. Avoid irreverent, empty chatter and the opposing arguments of so-called knowledge...

HUMILITY Romans 12:2

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think of yourself with sober judgment, according to the measure of faith God has given you....

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7 WAYS TO PUSH BACK AND COUNTER CRT

As believers, we are called to both prayer and action. As we are praying about this divisive and evil ideology, we encourage you to seek ways to actively combat CRT in your community and state.

- Go to school board meetings in your area.
 Look for and speak up against the CRT curriculum that you identify.
- 2. Review your children's and grandchildren's textbooks and assignments for evidence of CRT influence or ideology. A quick automated word search of a syllabus for words such as "equity," "bias," "justice," or "diversity" is one way to easily scan for CRT.
- Send messages to your local elected officials about your concerns with any CRT material you see being used in your community, including schools, government departments, universities, and more, Go to the media with this info.
- 4. Find other like-minded individuals who will stand with you against CRT intrusion in your schools and government. It helps to band together!
- Pray for those who are speaking up against the CRT agenda--teachers, administrators and parents. They need protection and support. Encourage them to speak out--even anonymously.
- 6. Look for the usage of known websites for CRT content: <u>Learning for Justice</u>, <u>CRTandthebrain.com</u>, <u>Facing History</u>, <u>BLM</u> <u>at School</u> to name a few.
- Share information like this with others in your community, so that they too can be well-informed about the concerning and pervasive nature of Critical Race Theory.
- 8. Above all, teach your children, grandchildren, and others the truth from God's Word. Pray for them to hunger and thirst for the Word of God.



IT'S A SPIRITUAL BATTLE

Critical Race Theory is an anti-biblical philosophy. The CRT agenda is destructive to Christian beliefs. We know that ideologies that oppose the Word of God are really from the Enemy himself, Satan.

This attempt to render God's people powerless, and to further enslave others, is a spiritual battle. We must arm ourselves with the truth, put on the armor of God, and speak biblical truth into the situation.

Denounce the spirit of division. Invite a spirit of unity into your community. Denounce a spirit of hate. Invite a spirit of brotherly love into your schools. Denounce a spirit of deceit and then invite a spirit of Truth into your town. These are the ways that we can battle against the lies of the Enemy that are taking root. <u>Learn more</u> <u>about the spiritual battle here.</u>

WHICH STATES ARE PUSHING BACK?

Not all states or leaders are accepting the Critical Race Theory ideology. Here are some of the states or leaders who are drawing a line in the sand. Pray for them. Pray that they would receive support from parents, other leaders, and citizens who also recognize this evil. Pray that their ideas would take root. Pray for the legislation being proposed or enacted, and that other areas would propose similar measures.

WEST VIRGINIA

West Virginia legislators have <u>proposed legislation</u> that prohibits groups, either within the state agencies or outside contractors, from teaching "divisive ideas" about race and sex. The legislation reads, "It shall be the policy of the State of West Virginia not to promote race or sex stereotyping or scapegoating in the workforce, and not to allow grant funds to be used for these purposes,"

FLORIDA

Pushing back on the CRT curriculum in his state, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has directed the "Florida Department of Education to create the Florida Civic Seal of Excellence, a new professional endorsement for civics education. Teachers who complete the training will be eligible for a \$3,000 bonus," <u>DeSantis said</u>. "Our schools are supposed to give people a foundation of knowledge, not supposed to be indoctrination centers, where you're trying to push specific ideologies," This new civics approach seeks to weed out the CRT ideas from classroom curriculum and instead reward and encourage positive and truthful civics programs.

ARKANSAS

Arkansas state Rep. Mark Lowery proposed legislation to halt Critical Race Theory and <u>The 1619</u> <u>Project</u> curriculum from being used in schools. "I'm trying to focus on the activities going on here, which I think are demeaning to some students, and this business of labeling people as 'oppressors,'" Lowery said. The legislation was eventually <u>thrown out</u>, but we can be praying for this to be revisited.

OKLAHOMA

State Senator Shane Jett has introduced <u>Senate Bill 803</u> that would ban Critical Race Theory from the public school curriculum. "We reject any type of racial supremacy," said Sen. Shane Jett. The bill would prohibit Oklahoma public schools from teaching students "divisive concepts."

NEW HAMPSHIRE

State Rep. Keith Ammon has <u>introduced</u> a bill prohibiting trainings based on Critical Race Theory.