

# Critical Race Theory

## Critical Race Theory, Why and Purpose

Critical Race Theory has become a term you have heard a lot about since the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, and later the death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Ky, in March 2020. How these two tragedies could be considered as institutional racism is a hard one to understand, however there are those that have tried to explain it. To try and understand what critical race theory is, we need to get some more facts. We should look at the beginnings and examine the evolution to where we are at now to understand it is true purpose.

The concept of Critical Race Theory was first developed in the 1970's. The first tenured Black professor at Harvard Law School, Derrick Bell was one of founders of the theory. As you can see, this is a theory originating from law. Basically, he and others argued that America's political history played a huge role in developing and maintaining racial discrepancies in U.S. society. They charged that the law does not show equal justice for everyone. They concluded that the law basically sets up continued racial discrepancies in our society against people of color. This claim has been reputed by many law scholars that do not agree with the theory by saying that "it is unprovable that race is institutionalized in law, particularly where laws don't mention race." This argument comes from Blacks in academia as well as White. According to Joshua Jamerson (June 17, 2021) "In short, they reduce law to politics and politics to white supremacy." The terms "structural racism" and "white privilege" are used to shape the debate in the U.S. media.

You can see where this is going. Two tragedies occurred and as the author indicated Christopher Rufo, a conservative activist said, "What I've discovered is that critical race

theory has become, in essence, the default ideology of the federal bureaucracy and is now being weaponized against the American people.” You can see an all-out assault on the U.S. Constitution coming of which has already started, the only thing that has kept all of us safe from tyranny. The very document that has given many people the freedoms they have enjoyed they want to tear down, with a ‘theory’ of abusing one group to equalize the oppression of another group that does not exist. This is not embraced by any one group and a small percentage are followers, but the problem is things like this often wind up in places where they should not be. In this case I am referring to our schools and being taught to our children. No one has the authority to push this on our children in the public schools, in many cases they cannot even teach the 3’Rs and we want the schools to teach our children that one group can’t compete, so we are going to demonize the other group for ‘equity’s sake?” Much can be said but I will finish with this. I know this county will not stand for this kind of power grab by state and Federal government, nor will the state and many more states in the union. I was told one time that people will give you a chance to make a mistake, this is one that will not be made.

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