

Support of HB 327

Critical race theory (CRT) is a worldview that contends individuals are either inherently oppressed or oppressors based on the color of their skin. It makes race the prism through which all our institutions are based, contending racism is systemic and the United States is fundamentally a racist country. It perpetuates the lie we should be treated differently because of the color of our skin, a destructive ideology that pits one group against the other.

We should not teach our children they are either an oppressor or a victim; that their country was founded on racism; and is still racist. In fact, no one in America should be indoctrinated to hate their country and its founders. If America is so racist, why are there so many people of color immigrating to this country? I do not want one tax dollar of my money to be spent on such a destructive political ideology.

Of course, we should work against discrimination whenever we see it. However, we should dissent from all group think about race, class, and inaccurate American history that distort and defame our national heritage, which will drive wedges between us. We should counter the destructive narrative with optimism and inspirational stories from our history. Furthermore, we should teach our children that all people are created equal and should be treated equally. We should not inspire our children to equity, but rather to excellence.

CRT is a flawed worldview and teaching it in K-12 education programs should not be made a priority by the Department of Education. Indoctrination of our children in our school systems with CRT will not lessen racism, but instead will exacerbate it. Teaching young white kids that they are inherently racists and must reject their white privilege, apologize to blacks for their mistreatment by previous white generations, and forever engage in activism as anti-racist will breed real contempt by these kids. On the other hand, teaching black kids that victimization by whites is preventing them from achieving outcomes equivalent to other races is destructive.

Furthermore, CTR is toxic to all of our institutions because it pits one group against another with the ultimate goal of dismantling our economy, institutions, government and culture. Therefore, it must not be thrust upon the people of Ohio by our employers, education systems including colleges, our local governments, or our Ohio agencies. Hence, I strongly support HB 327.