

Ohio House Bill 327 Speech – Columbus, OH (June 23, 2021)

I know it's unusual to start a speech with a summary, but that's exactly what I'm going to do here. In short, supporters of Critical Race Theory (CRT) teach how racism shaped public policy and life in America. Opponents, like the sponsors and supporters of Ohio House Bill 327, call it a dangerous and divisive theory.

Why? CRT is not just about race. It's also about gender, sexuality and any other "victimized" class for which the political left carries a banner. CRT indoctrinates ALL children to look at EVERYTHING through a "race first lens". White children are asked to examine their "whiteness" and "check their privilege". It is an ANTI-American doctrine that has no place in any Ohio school! The core of CRT is that white people are oppressors and irredeemable, and any race other than white are the oppressed and losers of society. It's a package of hate speech wrapped in the lies of the idea that systemic racism infects all forms of American life. This is a falsehood that should NOT be taught in our school systems. It goes totally against what Martin Luther King, Jr. preached ... that we should support the principals of equality – NOT equity – and that we need to evaluate each other on our personal character rather than the color of our skin. Now proponents of CRT say that Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech was racist – absolutely UNBELIEVEABLE!

Here's where Equality vs. Equity comes into play. Equality aims for laws and opportunity to be afforded equally to all populations regardless of race, sex, creed, etc. Equity, in the terms of CRT, aims to ensure equal outcomes amongst groups, regardless of whether those outcomes are deserved or just. The pursuit of equity results in bitterness and injustice because equity seeks to administer justice to entire racial groups instead of on an individual basis. It attempts to provide opportunity to members of select races instead of opportunity for all. CRT teaches equity is good, equality ... not so much.

I have a personal story to relate. When I was 10 years old, I invited several friends to a pool party. My sister, who is 6-1/2 years older than me, asked me when I started being friends with a “black kid”. LITERALLY, until that VERY MOMENT, I never saw Erica as “black”. She was a friend and an absolute sweetheart. 20/20 vision now makes me wonder if my sister, who was in high school at the time, was very subtly being indoctrinated regarding race even back in the late 1960s. Now there’s no subtly about it. It’s in our faces and it disgusts me. You may ask the reason for this personal account. Here you go ... children do not look at people on the basis of race until they are TAUGHT to do so. And THAT’s what Critical Race Theory does!

So, my first lesson in race came to me when I was just 10 years old. NOW it’s being taught to children as young as 5 & 6 years old. How DARE school boards and teachers allow CRT in our school system! They will be helping to raise racists that will beget more racists. And what will the outcome be? This state and, in fact, our entire country, will never survive it. I implore you to pass HB 327 and disallow CRT from ever being taught in any Ohio classroom.

I will close with this quote from Ronald Reagan ... “Evil is Powerless if the Good are Unafraid”! This is what you are seeing here today. Anyone who is FOR Critical Race Theory being taught in our schools, state agencies, big tech companies, law enforcement agencies and the military are EVIL. But guess what?! The GOOD people are no longer afraid. We, as you can see here (and all across the country) are gathering to fight the EVIL people, and they are going DOWN!

Thank you,

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