
PROPONENT TESTIMONY

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TO: Members of the House State and Local Government Committee

FROM: Pamela J. Clegg

RE: Support for H.B. 327: Prohibit Teaching, Advocating, or Promoting Divisive Concepts

Chair Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, I appreciate the members of this committee hearing proponent testimony on House Bill 327, legislation declaring that Ohio Prohibit Teaching, Advocating, or Promoting Divisive Concepts.

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When I watched the video of graduating students who stated what they appreciated most in their learning at Westerville city schools, the first student on the video commented that she appreciated learning about diversity and inclusion. Success for CRT.

I don't know how our three children made it 8-10 years ago without critical race theory taught in school. When they were in school, they were taught their subjects without this indoctrination and ideology. As adults, on their own they investigated the information and misinformation out there and came to their own conclusions - different conclusions - but on their own. In other words they did not need to learn about things like white fragility and white privilege at school. It was not the narrative.

Parents don't want critical race theory and revised textbook history taught to their children.

I know of a caregiver who is taking their second grader out of the public school because they know CRT indoctrination is already in the elementary school.

Proponents of critical race theory believe that it will solve the problem of racism. It will not solve the problem of racism. Racism is an issue of the heart and no amount of teaching or narrative can change the heart. It can change the language but language does not change the heart or the mind.

To teach children that they are bad if they are white is nonsense. That's teaching religion. Wrong religion. To apologize for the color of one's skin (more wrong religion) is an affront to the God who created people and gave them their skin color - that's my right religion.

Having ninth graders read Ibram Kendi's book, "Stamped" is unreal and unacceptable. Hardly good literature. CRT promotes activism.

I bitterly resent my tax dollars going to a school system that is teaching critical race theory to our children and making CRT a mission statement that directs this false teaching and rewritten curriculum.

We are parents of former students; we are and have been Westerville school taxpayers for over 30 years, and we are voters. We are educators who are disappointed with the CRT bandwagon Westerville city schools and any other Ohio school has jumped on. It will do harm and not good. Please stop CRT teaching in any form to our children. Support HB 327. Thank you.