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CACAGNY Opposes CRT Indoctrination in California Schools

Today, CACAGNY joined Californians for Equal Rights and 25 other organizations to urge the California State Senate Education Committee to vote down AB 101, a bill that would mandate Critical Race Theory (CRT) indoctrination in California public high schools. There are similar initiatives in New York.

Of course, AB 101 proponents loudly disown any connection with CRT. Such denialism is understandable; it's becoming known that CRT is a hateful, divisive fraud. So they re-package it as *ethnic studies*, *culturally responsive curricula*, or *social emotional learning*, and claim to promote *equity, diversity and inclusion, anti-bias, anti-racism*, etc. But **we are not fooled by such deceptive marketing**. By any other name, it's still CRT's agenda of racist divisiveness, racist struggle, and absolutism, in schools, workplaces, politics, and media.

CRT is immoral. CRT is an ideology of collective guilt. CRT says Whites are oppressors, just for being White; Whites are born with *White privilege* because they have facility with objectivity, rationality, meritocracy, delayed gratification, punctuality, the written word, mathematics. Whites lack empathy, humanity, lived experience, and *Whiteness* is a parasitic condition. In CRT *diversity* and *anti-racism* training, Whites and Blacks -- including grade school kids -- are segregated into opposing groups. Blacks are then led by trainers to attack Whites -- their classmates and colleagues -- for their *Whiteness* and *White privilege*, to which Whites must plead guilty. This is immoral. Any ideology that traffics in group stereotypes, group attacks and group confessions is reductionist, dehumanizing, and -- let's say it -- barbaric. In the deepest sense of the word, CRT is immoral.

CRT is anti-American. America is an exceptional experiment in multicultural nation-building. Total strangers who don't even speak the same language can live and work together in trust. This only happens because every individual in America can count on the same protection under the law as his neighbor. Despite past shortfalls, which must be understood in proper historical contexts, we never stopped striving. That we have done exceptionally well on race as a nation is validated by the fact that peoples of all races of the world come and make their home here. But CRT rejects the bedrock of equal individual rights that made America happen. Instead, CRT upholds equal *outcomes* by *race*. To enforce equal outcomes by race when such outcomes do not result from equal rights for individuals, as happens for multitudes of reasons, CRT imperiously over-rides equal rights for individuals. Such trampling over individual rights is anti-American to the core.

CRT sells out children in public schools. CRT has become a very rich industry, and with the money comes the ability to corrupt, which it evidently does with gusto. California entered its lockdown already plagued by dismal public education, and at a time when California urgently needs to further address months of additional learning loss caused by failures of its remote "instruction" in public schools, AB 101 alone will make a gift of over \$1B to the CRT industry, courtesy of California politicians. This is outrageous. Do California's politicians and educrats even pretend to care about the education of the children any more?

Last but not least, **the racial scapegoating that is at the root of CRT animates anti-Asian racism**, from anti-Asian racial quotas in education, to the recent explosion of attacks against Asians on streets and subways. Longer term, the oppression Olympics celebrated by CRT enfeebles Asians with the seductive opiates of *lowered expectations* and *learned helplessness*. Asians are already susceptible to such manipulations because of historical events, so it is no coincidence that CRT pushes such a self-image of victimhood upon Asians, in *culturally responsive* school curricula and in progressive political discourse. This is a pernicious trap, extremely difficult to extricate from, with long-lasting, corrosive damage to morale and morality. CRT is very bad for Asians.

We Americans of Chinese descent have especially strong reasons to reject CRT. CRT indoctrination -- under any re-packaging or guise -- must not be allowed in public schools.

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