## **CRT Updates:**

## CRT is in the Classrooms Through informal Lessons and Story Time

How might Critical Race Theory be quietly taught in our schools? It could be effectively taught during story time using children's literature. Christopher Rufo is a filmmaker and author who is known for uncovering and explaining the widespread use of CRT in our schools and businesses. Rufo recently tweeted about a book titled *Not My Idea*. This book is an example of how a teacher could expose children to CRT during story time. This book is available in the Fayette County Public Libraries as well as libraries and schools throughout the nation. Here is what Rufo tweeted about it:

Christopher F. Rufo on Twitter: "SCOOP: At least 25 public school districts in 12 states are now teaching "Not My Idea," a book that claims "whiteness" is the devil, luring children with the promise of "stolen land [and] stolen riches." Critical race theory is driving public education—and must be stopped. https://t.co/FRzpxywwbj" / Twitter

Not My Idea won the prestigious School Library Journal award for best book in 2018 and is part of the curriculum in many places. It is such heavy-handed propaganda that it's almost funny and you will hardly believe my description of it. Not only does it preach that "whiteness is a bad idea", but Not My Idea seeks to divide kids from their parents by showing that even their own nice white parents are really bigots at heart. In the story, the white mother, who is kind and sweet to her child, is also a bigot who locks her car doors and clutches her purse when she sees middle class black people walking down a tree lined suburban street. The child is disgusted and upset by this soft bigotry and by the fact that the parents and Christian grandparents won't discuss violent news stories with them- because you know how children love to discuss news stories. Not getting to discuss Black Lives Matter riots at home causes emotional discomfort for the white child in the book. However, this internal stress is resolved after the child spends an afternoon reading social justice warrior books in the public library- because that's what young children who still ride in car seats just love to do. Our heroic child becomes woke and determined to fight whiteness-especially the evil whiteness of their own family.

No one, not the parents and not the child, would behave like this outside the twisted imagination of this author.

But wait, I'm not done describing this book. It also includes an illustrated contract with the devil to show that white people literally sell their soul to satisfy their greed and lust for power. The implication is that the child's parents and grandparents, along with white people in general, have sold their souls to the devil for white privilege. This is grim indeed, but all is not lost! Through social justice action white children can be saved from their whiteness.

I know, you think I'm exaggerating. I wish! See for yourself here: Not My Idea - A Book About Whiteness - a picture book read by a dad - Seriously Read A Book! - YouTube

The concept of dividing children from their parents is a classic Marxist strategy. This may be the most important part of the book and of CRT in the classroom- trying to get kids to see their parents as an enemy. All the race baiting is window dressing. It's so over the top it seems designed to get any white person freaked out and to cause children of any race to feel threatened by and uncomfortable with white adults. A contract with the devil over white privilege? Seriously? This book is not about finding healing between races- like all of CRT it's about divide and conquer. Marxism is against the nuclear family, but it's for basic tribal warfare and mistrust. CRT is a way to divide people, victimize them, and gain power for the Marxists. Meanwhile, our major Teacher's Unions are pushing CRT to bring healing and hope to the classrooms while blasting anyone who disagrees as a racist.

## The NEA and Other Teacher Organizations are Pushing for CRT in the Classrooms

Books like *Not My Idea* are just one of the many ways that CRT has infiltrated our schools. Christopher Rufo also tweeted: *The nation's largest teachers union has approved a plan to promote critical race theory in all 50 states and 14,000 local school districts. The argument that "critical race theory isn't in K-12 schools" is officially dead.* 

After backlash from parents at school board meetings and the rise in public awareness of CRT, the NEA scrubbed their website of references to CRT in a sad attempt to be a bit more subtle about their stated goal of implementing CRT in every school. In reality, not only are they committed to implementing CRT, they're funding that implementation. The NEA is also funding oppositional research against organizations and people who oppose CRT. They just don't want to talk about this while we're paying attention.

Hilariously, the leader of the other major teacher's union, the AFT, is backtracking even faster. She just assured everyone that CRT is never taught in publics schools because it's a theory about how laws are affected by systemic racism and that is way too complex for children.

This signal was picked up by many other leaders who were suddenly deriding the idea that CRT is ever taught in public schools because it's too intellectual. They know CRT's not popular, so they did one of those stunning shifts where they expect us to forget last week. They are not really dropping CRT, but maybe they will rename it. Whatever they do, they will not really drop it, unless we somehow force them to.

We need to act right away because CRT enthusiasts are not stopping. More than 5,000 teachers associated with the Zinn project have signed <u>a letter</u> promising to teach CRT regardless of laws against it. These teachers are willing to give their names and school districts to stand up for teaching CRT.

What are we willing to do to protect our kids from them?

## **Resources to Guide Us**

The Tea Party Patriots has created a guide to help us combat CRT:

United\_We\_Stand\_How\_To\_Guide.pdf (tpp-resources.s3.amazonaws.com)

The next Fayette <u>BOE meeting</u> will be held on July 26<sup>th</sup>. Meetings can be heard online <u>here</u>.

Our Women's group has excellent resources and opportunities for you to learn about CRT and to get involved with improving our schools: <u>Critical Race Theory | Fayette County Ga. Republican Party (myfayettegop.org)</u>

Georgia State Board of Education adopted a <u>resolution</u> that would (1) bar the practice of protest civics (extracurricular political protest and lobbying as required schoolwork) and (2) prevent Georgia schools from instilling in students the key tenets of critical race theory. Cobb and Cherokee County instituted local bans, banning both CRT and the 1619 project. More info: <u>Georgia Board of Ed bans CRT and protest civics | Power Line (powerlineblog.com)</u>

"To fight this battle at the state level is to win it—and to win it is to maintain a country founded on the ideal that all men are created equal. Not to fight this battle is to lose it—and to lose it is to concede that America should be a society that judges people based on the color of their skin, not the content of their character." Max Eden

Max Eden has strategic ideas to inspire and help us combat CRT:

States Can Reject Critical Race Theory | City Journal (city-journal.org)

President Trump recently outlined strategies to combat CRT . These are things we can do right now even while Biden is in office. Trump's Plan to fight CRT in Our Schools: <u>A Plan to Get Divisive & Radical Theories Out of Our Schools | RealClearPolitics</u>