

Critical Race Theory (CRT)

High-Level Summary

Critical race theory is a modern approach to social change, developed from the broader critical theory, which developed out of [Marxism](#). The idea that every person could transcend their origins through education, hard work and good citizenship is the American Dream most Americans have believed in. What we are experiencing in the United States is a version of CRT that has been especially designed to denigrate our foundations, and our core beliefs. CRT approaches issues such as justice, racism, and inequality, with a specific intent of revolution to reform American society. It asserts that our structures of government, law, culture, and society are inherently and inescapably racist. Even hard work, education and merit-based achievement are racist. Specifically:

- Everyone, even those without racist views, perpetuates racism by supporting those structures.
- The personal perception of the oppressed outweighs the actions or intents of others.
- Oppressed groups will never overcome disadvantages until the racist structures are replaced.
- Oppressor race or class groups never change out of altruism; they only change for self-benefit.
- Application of laws and fundamental rights should be different based on the race or class group of the individual(s) involved.

SOURCES: <https://christopherrufo.com/articles/>
<https://www.gotquestions.org/critical-race-theory.html>

Notes

CRT is a worldview. It is not just a “tool.” It is insidious and extremely damaging, by mission & definition.

Even if you are told your school or church is not using CRT, it is still necessary to pay attention to discern if CRT principles are being used. Different titles are being used, but the fundamentals are the same.

CRT advocates are using psychological warfare and perverted “irrefutable logic” to impose their will, resulting in a permanent self-destructive victim mentality of our citizens.

Terms That Should Set Off Alarms

- Woke
- Social Justice / Racial Justice
- Systemic Sin / America’s ‘Original Sin’
- Intersectionality
- Equity / Equal Outcomes / Inequality
- Anti-Racism / Racism / Racist
- White Fragility / White Nationalism
- White Privilege / White Supremacy
- Whiteness / White Complicity
- Oppressor / Oppressed
- Diversity and Inclusion
- 1619 Project
- Discrimination
- Reparations
- Standpoint Epistemology
- Accountability

Good Sources for Deeper Understanding

- E-Book-Engaging-Critical-Theory-and-the-Social-Justice-Movement.pdf
<https://ratiochristi.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/E-Book-Engaging-Critical-Theory-and-the-Social-Justice-Movement.pdf>
- New Discourses
<https://newdiscourses.com/>

In short, critical race theory presupposes that everything about American society is thoroughly racist, and minority groups will never be equal until American society is entirely reformed. This position is extremely controversial, even in secular circles. Critical race theory is often posed as a solution to white supremacy or white nationalism. Yet, in practice, it essentially **does nothing other than inverting the oppressed and oppressor groups.**

From a political standpoint, critical race theory closely aligns with concepts such as [communism](#), **Marxism**, nationalism, [progressivism](#), [intersectionality](#), and the modern version of [social justice](#). **Believers are obligated to reject any aspect of a philosophy that conflicts with biblical ideals. Critical race theory is deeply rooted in worldviews that are entirely incompatible with the Bible.**

Spiritually, some have attempted to apply critical race theory principles to Christianity. This even includes suggestions that the Christian church must adopt the critical race theory approach to society, or else it is not really preaching the gospel. In applying critical race theory to faith, some have gone even further, suggesting that “whiteness,” defined in a unique sense, is a type of sin and incompatible with salvation. In other words, **critical race theory implies that those in certain ethnic/social economic groups must “repent” of such status, above and beyond other sins, to be truly Christian.** Less inflammatory uses of critical race theory echo older claims that biblical faith is often presented as a “[white man’s religion](#),” or that Christianity ought to follow a progressive theology, especially with respect to gender and sexuality.

While not necessarily embracing critical race theory, some Christian groups have embraced the modern approach to social justice. This raises the concern that non-biblical preferences will crowd out legitimate commands from Scripture. While critical race theory is not identical to social justice, the two philosophies are intricately linked in modern American culture. **Christian organizations that speak about social justice should be cautious about the terms and assumptions those discussions entail.**

The ways we discriminate against one another really is not the issue. That is including all its forms as we naturally compare ourselves to others in many ways. We do not just look at skin color, we look at things like weight, intelligence, abilities, height, the way we talk, etc. Black people, and people of all colors fall into this habit because it is simply human nature. The issue is the sinfulness of the human heart. All sin separates us from God, and all sin must be atoned for. This is why Jesus died on the cross, to pay the penalty for our sin and to redeem a people unto Himself.

All forms of discrimination and their intersectionality are the result of the fall of man into sin. No doubt discrimination will continue as long as sinful people reside upon the earth. Christians should acknowledge the problem of discrimination and work to counter it, but **lasting change can only happen through the life-transforming power of Christ. Movements that seek to divide people along racial, gender, or class lines; that create designer victim groups; or that seek retribution through ever more autocratic policies are not truly benefiting society.** Christians should be **peacemakers working to unite people in the truth rather than divide people or stoke feelings of resentment.**

So far as it applies to faith, Christianity, or spirituality, **there is no truth whatsoever to critical race theory. Critical race theory entirely violates a biblical worldview, by suggesting that people are essentially defined by their race or class, rather than by their individual acts and attitudes** ([Jeremiah 31:31–34](#); [Revelation 20:11–13](#)).