

What can concerned parents and community members do?

First and foremost, speak out and let your voices be heard. In your school district, let the school board, principals, superintendents, and teachers know you will not tolerate CRT in any form. It is their duty and responsibility to educate children in the basics of reading, writing, mathematics, and science, **not** forcing flawed ideologies and theories. Reach out to the Iowa Department of Education (www.educateiowa.gov), and the Mississippi Bend Area Education Agency (mbaea.org) to express your frustration that CRT is still slipping into Iowa's schools.

Demand cameras in each and every classroom in this state! It is time parents had a better idea of what is happening in the classroom on a daily basis. If there is pushback from educators, let them know we have demanded body cameras for police officers who make tense and snap life and death decisions in their line of duty. Just like these public servants, teachers must provide transparency to parents.

If you feel apprehensive, reach out to other concerned parents and community members. There is strength in numbers and there are countless parents across the country who are fighting back with their voices. Start a petition, speak out, organize a rally, and get involved! As long as you stay silent, the insidiousness of this ideology will continue to infect your community.

If you want to become more informed regarding CRT and what is happening in the United States, feel free to visit:

www.newdiscourses.com

Many still wonder why such a racist ideology has been allowed to gain traction in this country by people in your own community. Their reasoning varies from misguided social justice to feeling fighting racism with more racism is the solution. The harmful tenets of this ideology destroy everything in its path. No one can coexist in a society where people are considered either oppressors or victims. We must work to elevate every child's academic success, not distract with hateful philosophies.

Just remember, the Nazis thought their form of racism was justified too.

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In 2019, only 33% of Iowa's 8th graders were proficient in either reading or math.

These scores are a 16 year low for Iowa's kids.

*According to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)



Why are some educators and teachers' unions now more interested in pushing Critical Race Theory than helping children in academic pursuits?

What is Critical Race Theory or CRT?

The general principles of CRT originated roughly 50 years ago at Harvard Law School and have taken various forms throughout the years. In the past year or so, a highly toxic form has taken hold in our educational system. Its basic philosophy asserts the most important thing about you is your race; not your behavior, values, or environment. If you are of color, you are a victim of the system that is rigged against you. If you are white, you are an exploiter or oppressor. The assumption is that racism occurs in all interactions and is present everywhere and always, no matter how hard you must look for it. If you would like a short but broader understanding, feel free to visit: www.prageru.com/video/what-is-critical-race-theory/

Due to the pushback from many in this country, CRT adherents are now attempting to disguise this by using more ambiguous names. Words like “equity” and “social justice equity” are attempts to make the concept more palatable to the public.

Is CRT Legal in Iowa?

No. Iowa has adopted HF802 which bans racism or sexism trainings at, and diversity and inclusion efforts by, governmental agencies and entities, school districts, and public postsecondary educational institutions. Feel free to visit the IA Legislature website for more information: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/publications/search/document?fq=id:1220883&q=802>

If CRT is banned in Iowa, do parents and concerned citizens need to worry?

Yes. Despite HF802s ban on these teachings, educators in Iowa are still being mandatorily taught this theory at taxpayer’s expense.

Are there actually educators in my area willing to defy the law to continue pushing CRT?

Yes. According to the Zinn Ed Project website, there are thousands of educators across the country willing to defy laws to continue pushing this agenda. Willing educators are signing each day. In Iowa, the following educators have already signed:

Ames, IA

Missy Springsteen-Haupt, Whitney Judas

Bettendorf, IA

Jaylynn Kerr

Cedar Falls, IA

Adel Kessler, Beth Huber, Jennifer Paulsen

Cedar Rapids, IA

Chris Rolwes, Julie Bradley, Michelle Frye

Coralville, IA

Jeff Erickson, Lisa Mellecker

Council Bluffs, IA

Jordan Preston

Davenport, IA

Julia Leonard

Decorah, IA

Dana Bockman, Jill Leet-Otley

Des Moines, IA

Colton Reetz, Katy Swalwell, La Toshia Burrell, Leslie Barnhizer

Fairfield, IA

Gregory Wickenkamp

Fort Madison, IA

Dominique Akpore

Iowa City, IA

Alexander Lalagos, Alisa Meggitt, Aubrey Noonan, Sara Palante, Trechiondria Lathan

Mount Vernon, IA

Patrice Becicka

Nevada, IA

Emma Milius

New Hampton, IA

Melissa Nelson

Oelwein, IA

Nickie Michaud Wild

Paullina, IA

Kevin Hanlin

Riverside, IA

M J Redlinger

Sioux City, IA

Sara Berntson

Waterloo, IA

Denny McCabe, Nekoda Garbes, Sally Priebe

Waverly, IA

Amy Pilcher, Ruben Carrion

West Des Moines, IA

Carrie Jacobs, Kimberlee Gregory

Winthrop, IA

Lee White

