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- Individualized, specific to individual needs
- education that gives everyone an equal playing field
- teaching that meets the individual needs of each student
- fair to all
- respect for diversity, self-awareness
- Including everyone
- acknowledging that everyone brings something different to the table
- Delivering instruction to all
- ensuring equity
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- Mindfulness of diversity and inclusivity in teaching and learning
- Accounting for context of students
- Teaching in ways that try to benefit everyone equally even if it doesn't seem “fair” to students
- Equality to all students
- Supporting all students equally
- No
EQUITY PEDAGOGY: CREATING CLASSROOMS WHERE ALL CHILDREN THRIVE

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- creating a safe space for all students and making sure all students are given the tools they need
- Helping all students feel seen.
- developmentally appropriate; culturally relevant
- Delivering instruction to all no matter their demographic
- giving each student what they need
- pedagogy that take students’ individual level into consideration
- The knowledge of how to be equal to all students
- Teaching practices that enable all students to feel motivated and safe in the classroom
- respect for diversity/self-awareness
In a few words, describe "equity pedagogy"

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how can we 'best' engage in conversations with people who are anti-crt?
WHAT IS CRITICAL RACE THEORY AND WHAT DOES IT HAVE TO DO WITH EQUITY PEDAGOGY?
WHAT IS CRT?

- CRT was borne out of a body of scholarship led by legal scholars Derrick Bell (“Father of CRT”), Richard Delgado, and others in the mid-1970s to examine how racism produces and sustains inequality.
WHAT IS CRT?

CRT PROVIDES AN ANALYTICAL TOOL TO EXAMINE \textit{RACE AS SUBORDINATION}

(L-R) Attorney Gustavo Garcia, Pete Hernandez, Attorney Johnny Herrera, on courthouse steps, ca. 1953. Reprinted with permission, Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers, Special Collection, Bell Library, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
“...critical race theory in education, like its antecedent in legal scholarship, is a radical critique of both the status quo and the purported reforms.” (p. 62)
WHAT IS CRT?

Educational Psychologist

Using critical race mixed methodology to explore the experiences of African Americans in education

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Is CRT being taught in K-12 classrooms?

- Yes: 2
- No: 26
- Not sure: 18
We have successfully frozen their brand—"critical race theory"—into the public conversation and are steadily driving up negative perceptions. We will eventually turn it toxic, as we put all of the various cultural insanities under that brand category.
When parents hear terms like “equity,” “anti-racism,” “cultural competence,” “culturally responsive education,” “restorative justice,” “ethnic studies,” “equitable math,” “whiteness,” they would be fundamentally correct to go to a school board meeting and complain about critical race theory. All of these practices are influenced by and have the same politicized purpose as critical race theory, which—to reiterate—defines itself not merely as a “theory” but also as an activist practice.
WHY IS CRT BEING TARGETED?

I. A BRIEF HISTORY
HORACE MANN

• “Thus, may all the children of the Commonwealth receive instruction in the great essentials of political knowledge...for discovering new truths, and for discarding, instead of perpetuating, old errors; and thus, too, will that pernicious race of intolerant zealots, whose whole faith may be summed up in two articles, that they, themselves, are always infallibly right, and that all dissenters are certainly wrong, be extinguished, extinguished, not by violence, nor by proscription, but by the more copious inflowing of the light of truth.”

• Period of revolutionary social transformations in the 19th Century that included early versions of public schools
HAROLD RUGG

- 1920s – 1940s Man and His Changing Society centered on the development of students’ “critical judgment, reflective thinking, and creative self-expression.”

- Accused of undermining patriotism, stressing “errors and evils” in our civilization, belittles and maligns America, debunks our great heroes of the past, and generally subversive, un-American, communist.
MCCARTHY ERA

- Accusation that “school children were being poisoned by the pernicious influence of socialism and communism” and by “traitors in the classroom”
- Teachers had to sign “loyalty oaths” and avoid discussing “controversial” issues or were dismissed.
BROWN V. BOARD, CIVIL RIGHTS, WAR ON POVERTY
CIVIL RIGHTS

- FBI’s surveillance of activists such as Martin Luther King, Malcolm X, and Cesar Chavez (suspected communists)
SEX EDUCATION

- General consensus on teaching children “the facts of life,” openly and honestly.
- Richard Nixon seized the moment, declaring that as long as he was in the White House, there would be “no relaxation of the national effort to control and eliminate smut from our national life.”

The substance of the crisis was almost entirely invented. A widely distributed 1968 pamphlet, for instance, asked: “Is the School House the Proper Place to Teach Raw Sex?” Liberals protested that the facts were being distorted: teachers weren’t stripping in the classroom, having sex in front of their students, or encouraging homosexuality.

Yet the facts weren’t what mattered. Culture war, as the right had learned, could thrive on conspiracy theories and half-truths — what mattered wasn’t facts, but fear. As the pamphlet’s authors, Gordon Drake and James Hargis, put it: “If the new morality is affirmed, our children will become easy targets for Marxism and other amoral, nihilistic philosophies.”
POWELL MEMO

- 1971 “The American System Under Broad Attack”
- “We have seen the civil rights movement insist on rewriting many of the textbooks in our universities and schools.....a return to a more rational balance is needed”.
- To counter the “Communists” and “New Leftists” found in college campuses, the media, intellectual journals, and other outlets, Powell called for funding of conservative think tanks and increased political involvement by corporations.
SOUTHERN STRATEGY

- “You start out in 1954 by saying, ‘******, ******, ******’. By 1968 you can’t say ‘******’—that hurts you, backfires. So you say stuff like, uh, forced busing, states’ rights, and all that stuff, and you’re getting so abstract now, you’re talking about cutting taxes, and all these things you’re talking about are totally economic things and a byproduct of them is, blacks get hurt worse than whites.... ‘We want to cut this,’ is much more abstract than even the busing thing, and a hell of a lot more abstract than ‘******, ******.’” Lee Atwater, strategist for Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush Sr.
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FUELING FEAR AND RESENTMENT OF PEOPLE OF COLOR

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.
A Guide To Long-Term Strategic Thinking For Parents Who Oppose CRT In Schools

Parents fighting critical race theory are making a fundamentally flawed assumption: That the government entities to which they appeal are responsive to them.

Following a wave of parent outrage at finding their children's public schools pushing racism under the guise of antiracism this past school year, states have begun to ban the ideology. Parents are engaging with local school boards all across the country, demanding they stop teaching racial division and start educating children. The outrage is not just among Republicans, but also Independent and even Democrat voters, making Democrats nervous enough that the Biden administration recently pretended to backtrack.

By Joy Pullmann
AUGUST 3, 2021
The survey asked, "Some schools are choosing to teach that in America, systems of authority structurally prevent minority students from achieving the American Dream. Do you believe this should be taught?"

That's a key idea in CRT—that the fabric of our society is fundamentally torn by race. Despite claims to the contrary, CRT doesn't seek to tell U.S. history, warts and all. It's a Trojan horse that distracts our focus from real social discrimination, like public school redlining. Redlining is common in urban areas, denying parents school choice and equal opportunity. This discriminatory practice forces students to attend failing schools because they live in a ZIP code without choice in education.

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Instead of learning CRT, students should know how their own schools measure up and whether or not they are allowed to seek a better education elsewhere. As of 2017, only 19 states allowed intradistrict public school choice, which means letting students attend school anywhere in the district.
Efforts to restrict teaching about racism and bias have multiplied across the U.S.

By Cathryn Stout and Gabrielle LaMarr LeMee  
Updated Jul 22, 2021, 1:12pm EDT
Should teachers teach about race and racism in K-12 classrooms?
What % of children ages 6-11 think people in the US are treated unfairly based on race?
I don't think people get treated the same. One day I went to do laundry with my mom and the white guy yelled at her for no reason. He told her she couldn't sit at his laundry table. I was scared. Mom told the bad guy we lived in a free world.

BOY, 8, BLACK/AA, JAN 2021

I heard some of the names of the people who died bc of racism, and there were, I saw, all of the people carrying signs and yelling black lives matter, no justice, no peace, things like that.

BOY, 10, NATIVE HAWAIIAN OR PACIFIC ISLANDER, JUNE 2020

I do not think that different races are treated fairly in this country because, I can see just by looking around, that not as many people of color are hired to work in the government, and sometimes store owners or workers might treat a person of color differently or call them names.

GIRL, 11, ASIAN, JAN 2021

No, I don't. I see on the news how some black people are treated and sometimes when I go to the store with my mom, I see how some people from a different race treat black people.

GIRL, 7, BLACK/AA, JAN 2021

No, I see the way people of non-white ethnicity are treated differently.

BOY, 11, WHITE, JAN 2021
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More activist movements

Realizing the different needs of students

because of recent activist movements and awareness

social media exposure

The strange riots around cities

More ppl are becoming aware of it and bringing it to light

The Browning of America

Internet

There is an increase in visible social inequity due to things like social media so it is important to talk about
In a few words, why have we seen an increased focus on equity in education?

- Increased mass media accessibility to general population
- Increased awareness of racism
- Increased media exposure
- Failure of colorblind approach, increased public scrutiny of policing
- Because of current events of the last few years
- Killing of George Floyd & pandemic shined a light on it
- increased awareness
- Lack of change
- Achievement gap still exists
In a few words, why have we seen an increased focus on equity in education?

- Demographic shifts
- Growing awareness of racism and how people are treated as well as interracial families
- People have become more vocal via social media
- Increased election of individuals from underrepresented populations to government (e.g., Congress)
- Better awareness of inequities
- Increased awareness
- social media
- How we can change systemic racism?
- Higher commitment socially to equity
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- Increased disparities in society and polarization of groups in society
- Racism more public in media and politics
- Increased awareness of racism
- Previous US administration promoted racism, George Floyd’s death
- Fixed mindset
- Administration/policies
- Awareness and advocacy for DEI due to George Floyd
- Buas
- Lack of understanding how to support diverse students
In a few words, why have we seen an increased focus on equity in education?

- The push for students to never have to face failure
- All misconceptions about effectiveness of schools
- interdependent values
- Deficit-based thinking
- accountability pressure
- strength
- Cognitive overload
- funds of knowledge/identity
- Personalized learning
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WHAT ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE MUST EDUCATORS HAVE?

- Teacher Expectations
- Teacher Behaviors
- Student Identity
- Student Outcomes
What interferes with teachers' expectations?

- myth of meritocracy
- administrators
- family dynamics
- foxnews
- biases
- lack of empathy
- stereotypes
- implicit bias
- low SES
- low student self esteem
- reputation of student
- political views
- parents
- belonging
- peer pressure
- home life
- other people's opinions
- prior experiences
- politicians
- personal
- bullying
- frustration
- socioeconomic status
- curricular pressure
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DeCuir-Gunby & Bindra, 2021
Papageorge, Gershenson, & Kang, 2020
HOW DO WE ADDRESS IMPLICIT BIASES?
How the new season of Sesame Street stands up against racial hatred

Despite the show being ‘apolitical’, forthcoming episodes aim at showcasing the importance of diversity and cultural togetherness.

- Perpetuating the notion that educators do not “see color” (Marx & Larson, 2012) sustains racism in schools and society at large.
WHAT ESSENTIAL KNOWLEDGE MUST EDUCATORS HAVE?

Teacher Critical Consciousness → Teacher Implicit Biases → Teacher Expectations → Teacher Behaviors → Student Identity → Student Outcomes

Kumar & Hamer, 2013
López, 2017
Stephens, Rubie-Davies, & Peterson, 2021
1. the understanding of the historical context of marginalized students;

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TEACHERS

- Critical Consciousness
- Beliefs
- Asset-Based Behaviors

STUDENTS

- Perceived Discrimination
- Ethnic Identity
- Academic Identity
- Achievement

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(López, 2017)
What words or phrases come to mind when you read "asset-based pedagogy," "equity," "anti-racism," and/or "social justice?"
ASSET-BASED PEDAGOGY

- multicultural education (Banks, 1993)
- ethnic studies (Sleeter, 2011)
- bilingual education (Cazden & Leggett, 1981)
- critical bicultural pedagogy (Darder, 1991)
- cultural synchronization (Irvine, 1990)
- multicultural education (Banks, 1993)
- culturally relevant pedagogy (Ladson-Billings, 1995a, 1995b)
- cultural connectedness (Irizarry, 2007)
- culturally sustaining pedagogies (Paris, 2012)
- critical culturally sustaining revitalizing pedagogy (McCarty & Lee, 2014)
- funds of knowledge (Gonzalez, Moll, & Amanti, 2004)
- youth participatory action research (Cammarota, 2017)
- dual language (López & Santibañez, 2018)
Asset-based pedagogy in practice and policy are **not CRT** but share CRT’s aim to

1. understand the sources of longstanding racial disparities in education and
2. create the conditions for access to learning opportunities in schools
WHAT DOES THE EVIDENCE SAY?
ASSET-BASED POLICIES

Deficit  Asset

Better Outcomes

ASSET-BASED PRACTICES


WHAT KINDS OF OUTCOMES DO WE SEE AMONG STUDENTS?

- Academic self-concept
- Ethnic identity
- Curiosity
- Self-direction
- Motivation to learn about others

(e.g., López, 2017; López et al., 2021)
Ask me anything

18 questions
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