



## Florida Bans 'Critical Race Theory' After Gov DeSantis Calls It 'State-Sanctioned Racism' & A Waste Of 'Taxpayer Dollars'

### Description

**USA: Florida's education board has unanimously adopted new rules that forbid teachers from attempting to "indoctrinate" students by teaching "critical race theory" that "distorts historical events."**

The rule change came during a [meeting](#) on Thursday, where Florida Governor Ron DeSantis made a virtual appearance and argued that such "toxic" theories teach children that "the country is rotten and that our institutions are illegitimate."

DeSantis, who noted that CRT will exacerbate "divisions", told the meeting it was not worth spending taxpayer money on teaching students to judge themselves and others on the basis of race rather than "the content of their character" and "what they're trying to accomplish in life."

[RT](#) reports: According to the amended rules, topics of instruction must be "*factual and objective.*" CRT was found to be inconsistent with this standard, as it holds that "*racism is not merely the product of prejudice, but that racism is embedded in American society and its legal systems in order to uphold the supremacy of white persons.*"

In a later tweeted statement, DeSantis described CRT as "*state-sanctioned racism.*" It echoed language used by states such as Oklahoma, Idaho, and Tennessee that have previously enacted legislation banning the teaching of race- and racism-related concepts that "*inherently divide*" people.

The amendment also explicitly forbids the use of material that defines US history as being derived from anything other than the "*universal principles stated in the Declaration of Independence.*"

Mandating instruction on the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights, it specifically barred teachers from exploring the 1619 Project – an initiative that seeks to approach US nationhood from the perspective of it having been a land built on slavery.

*"Rather than talking about the policy changes necessary to enable all our students to succeed, these politicians create boogeymen and use Florida's public schools as a political football,"* [tweeted](#) Andrew

Spar, head of the Florida Education Association teachers' union.

The meeting saw members of the audience protest about the rule change, with calls to *"allow teachers to teach the truth"* being raised during the time permitted for public comments.

That call was taken up on social media, several users flooding DeSantis' account with critical reactions and comments. Many queried the governor's understanding of CRT, with some people even offering up their explanations of the concept to aid his understanding.

*"Critical race theory is not an ideology or a political orientation that assumes white people are bad; it assumes white supremacy is bad in all of its forms. It's a practice or approach that provides language and a lens for examining racism at institutional and structural levels,"* one user [tweeted](#).

Other commenters suggested the rule change was a method to *"sanitize"* problematic episodes of American history such as slavery, and the Jim Crow laws and customs once used to restrict black Americans' rights from the late 19th century until 1965.

Nonetheless, the amended rules refer to historical events like the Holocaust, slavery, the Civil War and Reconstruction, and the civil rights movement as *"significant."*

However, several people voiced support for the new rule, with one person [commenting](#) that CRT was a *"tool to launder any toxic leftist idea into an academic setting."* Another user [noted](#) the tendency of *"liberals"* to *"haphazardly label people they disagree with as extremist,"* which made it *"easy to see"* why the rule change was needed.

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