

# MYTHBUSTING

## CRITICAL RACE THEORY

Idaho, Iowa, Oklahoma, Texas, & Tennessee banned teaching CRT in Pre-K through Grade 12. But, what is it?

### MYTH: CRT BLAMES RACISM ON WHITE PEOPLE

Fact: CRT suggests that racism is a *structural* issue, not just an individual one. Racism results from historic and contemporary laws, policies, and practices that marginalize people of color. From Slavery and Jim Crow to housing discrimination and redlining, CRT looks at the big picture.



### MYTH: CRT IS DIVISIVE

Fact: CRT attempts to discover the structural systems in place that create division. By naming those structures, we can learn to dismantle them and decrease division.

### MYTH: CRT TEACHES KIDS TO JUDGE BASED ON RACE

Fact: Instead of trying to be colorblind, CRT sees race and calls out racism. CRT recognizes that differences that exist between us should not dictate different treatments from society.



### MYTH: RACE IS BIOLOGICAL

Fact: While we all have ancestral histories and ethnicities, the concept of race and designated racial categories is a relatively new and Western concept. Race is not biological, it is socially constructed and assigned.

### SO, WHAT IS CRT?

CRT is just a lens that allows us to examine the historical and contemporary issues of racism in society. It creates a critical conversation about the laws, systems, institutions, and practices that create racial division and oppression. Through understanding we can learn how to improve the future.



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