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CULTURE in EDUCATION

CRT Critical Race Theory-K12 Public Schools

Safeguarding Institutional Neutrality in Race, Sex and Creed.
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National Legislator Partnership Strategy

ACT through Legislation

CRT has entrenched itself in Government K-12 school systems in most States. Cultural and Political Marxists are planted in every K-12 school in the country. We need to stop Marxist State-Sanctioned racism in the classroom rapidly and comprehensively. The best way to achieve this goal is through State and Federal Legislation.

CRT is causing political division within the Democratic party, with many liberals openly opposing this agenda. If you are in a Democrat majority run state, do not be dissuaded in pursuing a State legislative strategy.

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We are promoting the NAS *National Association of Scholars* endorsed 'Partisanship Out of Civics Act' written by Stanley Kurtz. This Act is a comprehensive bill to safeguard students from exposure to CRT in any form and prevents the Action or Protest Civics requirements to graduate High School.

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We must enact this bill in all States before Federal grants start flowing. States that start drawing from Federal grants will be left only with a localized bottom-up approach through the School Board, case by case, until a Bi-partisan bill can be passed at the Federal level.

Passed Bills

We need to verify a comprehensive bill is passed and meets the NAS proposal, in its entirety, to prevent loopholes and ensure the often-overlooked leftist Action Civics course requirements. If the bill is insufficient, we will need to work with the original sponsors to write a new companion bill to ensure State law regarding CRT is comprehensive.

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Pending Bills

Likewise, Pending and Stalled Bills also need to be verified. Bills that are insufficient should be rewritten to make it comprehensive or a companion bill needs to be written. We will need to work with the original bills sponsors to determine their preferred course of action.

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Not Yet Introduced

We provide the support our Legislators need to write and introduce a comprehensive bill. We will organize a local lobby effort in every district within your State to pressure other Legislators to support your sponsored bill. We will coordinate with NAS

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to provide consul and support from start to finish to ensure your State achieves a passed bill to protect our K-12 children.

Warnings to Lawmakers

There are a few concerns we are finding that are worth highlighting:

1. There should be a consequence to Teachers and Administrators that willfully act outside of the law. We are encouraging a fine or other consequence for bad actors.
2. We have found various Teachers Unions and Groups actively pursuing a pledge from teachers to continue teaching CRT related curriculum, even if their State legislates against it.
3. There should be a coordinated effort to establish a Whistleblower hotline for Parents, Teachers and Administrators to contact when Legislation is violated
4. State Board of Education must be forced to establish formal policies and procedures to prevent any educational materials from reaching teachers or students.

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Partners in Legislation

Our National Grassroots Director works directly with Legislators. If you are a Legislator and would like to sponsor this proposed legislation or a customized piece of legislation to achieve the same outcomes:

Please contact activist@actforamerica.org and we will respond immediately.

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The Partisanship Out of Civics Act Stanley Kurtz

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Editor's Note: The model state-level legislation below was authored by Stanley Kurtz, a Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center. NAS's endorsement of this model can be found [here](#), and Kurtz's explanation and defense of it can be found [here](#).

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WHEREAS true civic education is not political action itself but rather preparation for, and prerequisite to, mature political life; and

WHEREAS respect for the liberties of students and teachers, the views of a politically diverse citizenry, and the tradition of institutional neutrality that flows from these, means that political activism has no place in formal education; and

WHEREAS the free speech, conscience, and religious liberty rights of teachers ought to be respected; and

WHEREAS the ability of the citizens of the state of [state name] and its school districts to control K-12 curriculum content in courses on history, civics, social studies, and similar topics through their elected representatives should not be ceded to private entities; and

WHEREAS concepts that impute fault, blame, a tendency to oppress others, or the need to feel guilt or anguish to persons solely because of their race or sex violate the premises of individual rights, equal opportunity, and individual merit underpinning our constitutional republic, and therefore have no place in training for teachers, administrators, or other employees of the public educational system of [state name]; now, therefore,

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BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION B:

(1) No teacher of history, civics, U.S. government and politics, social studies, or similar subject areas, whether for regular credit or advanced placement credit, shall be compelled by a policy of

any state agency, school district, or school administration to discuss current events or widely debated and currently controversial issues of public policy or social affairs.

(2) It shall be the policy of this state that teachers who choose to discuss current events or widely debated and currently controversial issues of public policy or social affairs shall, to the best of their ability, strive to explore such issues from diverse and contending perspectives.

(3) In any course on history, civics, U.S. government and politics, social studies, or similar subject areas, whether for regular credit or advanced placement credit, no school shall require, make part of such course, or award course grading or credit to, student work for, affiliation with, or service learning in association with, any organization engaged in lobbying for legislation at the local, state, or federal level, or in social or public policy advocacy.

(4) In any course on history, civics, U.S. government and politics, social studies, or similar subject areas, whether for regular credit or advanced placement credit, no school shall require, make part of such course, or award course grading or credit to, lobbying for legislation at the local, state, or federal level, or any practicum, or like activity, involving social or public policy advocacy.

(5) No private funding shall be accepted by state agencies or school districts for curriculum development, purchase or choice of curricular materials, teacher training, professional development, or continuing teacher education pertaining to courses on history, civics, U.S. government and politics, social studies, or similar subject areas, whether for regular credit or advanced placement credit.

(6) No teacher shall be compelled by a policy of any state agency, school district, or school administration to affirm a belief in the so-called systemic nature of racism, or like ideas, or in the so-called multiplicity or fluidity of gender identities, or like ideas, against his or her sincerely held religious or philosophical convictions.

(7) No state agency, school district, or school shall teach, instruct, or train any administrator, teacher, staff member, or employee to adopt or believe any of the following concepts: (a) one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex; (b) an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously; (c) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of the individual's race; (d) members of one race cannot or should not attempt to treat others without respect to race; (e) an individual's moral standing or worth is

necessarily determined by his or her race or sex; (f) an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex; (g) an individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex; (h) meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist or sexist, or were created by members of a particular race to oppress members of another race; (i) fault, blame, or bias should be assigned to a race or sex, or to members of a race or sex because of their race or sex.

(8) No teacher, administrator, or other employee in any state agency, school district, open-enrollment charter school, or school administration shall approve for use, make use of, or carry out, standards, curricula, lesson plans, textbooks, instructional materials, or instructional practices that serve to inculcate the following concepts: (a) one race or sex is inherently superior to another race or sex; (b) an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously; (c) an individual should be discriminated against or receive adverse treatment solely or partly because of the individual's race; (d) members of one race cannot and should not attempt to treat others without respect to race; (e) an individual's moral standing or worth is necessarily determined by his or her race or sex; (f) an individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, bears responsibility for actions committed in the past by other members of the same race or sex; (g) any individual should feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex; (h) meritocracy or traits such as a hard work ethic are racist or sexist, or were created by a members of a particular race to oppress members of another race; (i) that the advent of slavery in the territory that is now the United States constituted the true founding of the United States; or (j) that, with respect to their relationship to American values, slavery and racism are anything other than deviations from, betrayals of, or failures to live up to, the authentic founding principles of the United States, which include liberty and equality.

SECTION C:

(1) If any provision of this chapter, or the application of any provision to any person or circumstance, is held to be invalid, the remainder of this chapter and the application of its provisions to any other person or circumstance shall not be affected thereby.

DEFINITIONS

(1) "School" means K-12 public school.