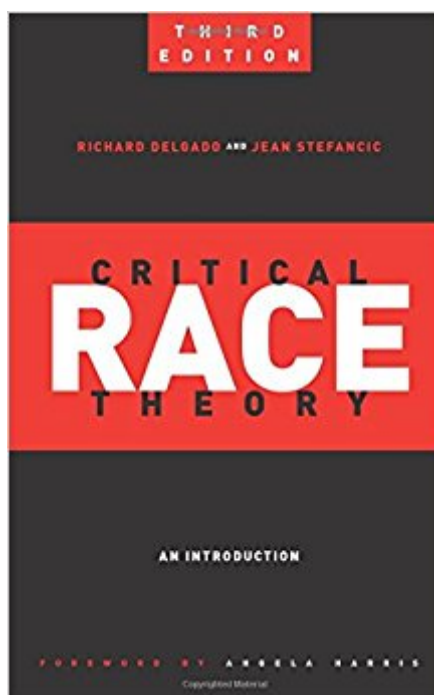


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# Critical Race Theory (Third Edition): An Introduction (Critical America)



## Synopsis

Updated to include the Black Lives Matter movement, the presidency of Barack Obama, the rise of hate speech on the Internet, and more. Since the publication of the first edition of *Critical Race Theory* in 2001, the United States has lived through two economic downturns, an outbreak of terrorism, and the onset of an epidemic of hate directed against immigrants, especially undocumented Latinos and Middle Eastern people. On a more hopeful note, the country elected and re-elected its first black president and has witnessed the impressive advance of gay rights. As a field, critical race theory has taken note of all these developments, and this primer does so as well. It not only covers a range of emerging new topics and events, it also addresses the rise of a fierce wave of criticism from right-wing websites, think tanks, and foundations, some of which insist that America is now colorblind and has little use for racial analysis and study. *Critical Race Theory* is essential for understanding developments in this burgeoning field, which has spread to other disciplines and countries. The new edition also covers the ways in which other societies and disciplines adapt its teachings and, for readers wanting to advance a progressive race agenda, includes new questions for discussion, aimed at outlining practical steps to achieve this objective.

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We are using this book in an important class in my Social Work School. I'm reviewing it here to counteract the uninformed and childish attacks on it in the previous review. Its absurd to judge a book as a failure or useless to the reader on the basis of such bizarre categories as "marxist" or too focused on issues of race. Its a book about race in the US--of course its going to have information, perhaps uncomfortable information for some readers, about racism, racial theory, and history of the US. The willful ignorance of the average angry Trump Voter, the refusal to acknowledge the perspectives of POC or academics and theoreticians of race is not a very useful stance to take on reading anything. Let alone reading a book about race.

Left-leaning is an understatement. In essence, all black and Hispanic problems, setbacks, economic issues, low-self esteem, criminal acts, etc., etc., etc. is the fault of white people with a highly detailed plan to keep anyone not white in abject poverty. Apparently, even poor white people have 'white privilege', as any white person is put on a pedestal of basically stealing any kind of personal success. Truly "you didn't build that" is the leftist collective mantra, just as Lenin (who killed 20 million of his own people) and Mao (China) promised 'equity' and 'a level playing field' in the form of 'community organizing'. This is the exact similar ideology, read the book. It is also the case in every one of my prior classes, with the instructor subtly bashing conservatives and Republicans, and as

usual ignoring the failed policies and crazy (we have to vote for Obamacare before we see what's in it) ways that Republicans would be crucified for. Those who heap praise upon it simply swallow the rhetoric and truly childish (if you think about it) "it's all YOUR fault my life is like this". The logic of liberalism and 'progressive' fairness and 'equality' is this; if white people were not here, we others would live in heaven and be totally rich, prosperous, and "free". This is of course standard Marxist / Communist 'divide and conquer' strategy, highly effective with those who are honestly not critical thinkers, do not study logic or recognize the numerous examples of hypocrisy (i.e. "marginalization", "stigma", and "oppressive" power that is heaped upon white people as a whole.

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