



# What is critical race theory?

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## READ

Meckler, Laura, and Hannah Natanson. "[As schools expand racial equity work, conservatives see a new threat in critical race theory.](#)" *Washington Post*, 3 May 2021. Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints. Accessed 1 July 2021.

A breakdown of individual controversies across the nation in K-12 education, over how history should be taught and how different cultural experiences and racial differences should be addressed. Are children being forced to address issues of race too early and too often? Are schools safe and welcoming places for all students, or are some children prioritized more in a school's culture?

## DIGITAL RESOURCE

### Gale in Context: Opposing Viewpoints

Discover more about [critical race theory](#) with this resource.

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Bell, Derrick. [Faces at the Bottom of the Well](#). Basic Books, ebook format. 2018.

One of the pioneering books that launched the idea of critical race theory, Bell's work covers the permanence of racism and the need for people of all races in poverty to band together for change. A new forward by Michelle Alexander reflects on how the book is relevant today.

## WATCH

[WATCH: Answering your questions on critical race theory](#). Public Broadcasting Service, *PBS News Hour*. Video. 29 June 2021.

Prudence Carter, a professor at UC Berkeley who researches race and inequality in schools, explains what critical race theory is and what concerns parents and teachers may have relating to it. She also answers the questions of parents writing into the broadcast with additional concerns.

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## LISTEN

Barbaro, Micheal. "[The Debate Over Critical Race Theory.](#)" *New York Times*. The Daily podcast. 2 July 2021.

A history of how critical race theory has appeared in modern politics, beginning the with Clinton administration and gaining traction through the Trump and Biden presidencies. The viewpoints of parents and school boards across the nation are explored, especially the controversies around systemic racism and whether it exists, and what as a nation we should do about it.

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