What is critical race theory?

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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?


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


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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A history of how critical race theory has appeared in modern politics, beginning with the 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.