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## CRITICAL RACE THEORY

- It applies the dichotomy of Marxism to identity politics.
  - One group is the oppressor (Marx's bourgeoisie).
    - This can be any identity group accused of being oppressive.
  - The other group is the oppressed (Marx's proletariat).
    - This can be any identity group claiming to be oppressed.
  - Old Marxist ideas have been repackaged with the racial politics of our time.
  - The clash between the Marxist bourgeoisie vs. proletariat has evolved to now become:
    - White vs. people of color
    - Male/female cisgender vs. nonbinary/transgender
    - Heterosexuals vs. LGBTQ+
    - Oppressive patriarchy vs. marginalized women
- It is racist because CRT ideology uses the same categorization of people as the White-supremacists' ideology in the mid-1900s in the following ways:
  - It reduces people down to their race
  - It creates a hierarchy (or levels of victimhood) based on group identity
  - It denounces people not on their individual character or conduct, but on their immutable characteristics or group identity.
- CRTs view the world as a power structure and a struggle between the oppressed vs. the oppressor in all elements of their life.
- It has become a psychologically powerful weapon because it combines Americans' innate discomfort about race, and weaponizes it into a political tool.
- It rejects the ideology of Martin Luther King Jr.
  - CRT is against blindness of skin color.
  - MLK's philosophy was deeply rooted in Christianity, the Declaration of Independence, the US Constitution, and Abraham Lincoln's work. He preached moving towards the highest ideals of our country's values.
- CRT aims to dismantle US social institutions because they claim they are coded for racial dominance and oppression.
  - This parallels Karl Marx's call for a revolution.
  - The goal is to destroy social order and demolish law and order, and replace it with a utopian vision.
  - They aim to bring down one racial identity group, and have a transfer of power to the other racial identity group.
  - It assumes that a good, beautiful utopia will emerge, but history in the last century has proven this to be wrong repeatedly.
- It empowers ideologues that divide people on the basis of their group identity.
  - History has shown that this type of division leads to war, genocide, famine, etc.
  - It makes Americans hate each other and their country.