

Montgomery County Democratic Committee's Stance on Critical Race Theory

Critical Race Theory is an advanced theoretical concept used by scholars, researchers, and legal professionals. It is a long-standing theory that has been discussed in research, higher education, and legal circles since the 1970s. It examines the many, far-reaching, identified, systemic effects of racial inequality on society.

Critical Race Theory is a complex concept, and, as such, is not, and realistically cannot, be the basis for elementary and secondary education curriculums. As such, it is not, and has not been taught in our public schools. Moreover, no one credibly suggests that it should be.

And, yet we as a community suddenly find ourselves having to discuss an academic theory and framework that has existed for more than fifty years. Why?

To begin, the Montgomery County Democratic Committee supports the statutory and constitutional mandate of a free and appropriate public education of all students, and, as Democrats, we support the type of public education that encourages students to engage in perceptive and discerning thinking and dialogue that will make them productive citizens in the future. A thriving democracy requires an informed public.

As Democrats, we support our schools teaching an accurate and encompassing view of our past so that students can engage in honest community participation and robust civic discussion. We are confident that students can handle these realities from good to bad, even though it may be complicated, and uncomfortable.

So, why do we now find ourselves defending an education that best prepares our students for an understanding of who we are as a society, of our past and our future?

Sadly, we are confronted by those who for their personal ambitions and prejudices have deliberately and purposefully deceived their neighbors about Critical Race Theory; they have maliciously collapsed discussions about CRT, social and racial justice into an unintelligible but divisive form of baiting, knowingly pitting one against another for the sole purpose of their self-promotion at the expense of our communities, our democracy, and this Republic. It is hateful and unconscionable.

We support candidates that will allow students to have equal access to education, vet information and make informed choices as future voters. We are blessed to live in a nation with all its failures and successes that stands for the rule of law and the underlying assumption that all Americans are equal with the collective responsibility that we are all to strive for that more perfect union that brings us together as Americans.