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Critical Race Theory

Several weeks ago a seven year old child came home from school and was greeted by her mother and her grandmother. In response to their question about her day in school the child replied, "We learned about slavery. White people are bad people. Mommy, you are a white person. Grandma, you are a white person. So, both of you are bad people."

Recently other parents in various parts of the United States have been attending meetings of the local public school boards to protest evidence of pornographic and sexually explicit material available and often taught to very young children without the knowledge and approval of the parents.

Stories like this have been circulating for months and even years, but never so blunt and so local. Such events have been attributed to "Critical Race Theory" (CRT). CRT is a worldview of racism, hatred and discrimination. As described in last month's Chancellor's Update, it is consistent with communist Gramsci's offensive to undermine the family and the churches, to take over the media, and to replace curricula in schools and universities

It considers black people as victims of systemic racism, in spite of laws that were passed in the 1960s, and the many cultural changes that have been accomplished. Since white people have unearned advantages, they must divest themselves of whiteness, shed racial guilt, confess complicity with CRT, and challenge other white people to do likewise. Since whites believe in individualism, liberty, meritocracy, property rights and equality, they are white supremacists and oppressors by definition.

Failure of whites demands reeducation rather than honest debates. So, to call themselves antiracist and to promote educational equity, schools now distort American history for conclusions which would not hold up in honest debate. American children are taught that racism is the cornerstone of American society. So young children are asked to confront their hidden racism and after experiencing bullying, shaming, intimidation and hostility in the classroom may end up with self-loathing. Children are ill-equipped to handle heavy-duty racism and collective guilt. And soon they will live in a prison of the mind.

Besides education, CRT is now in the workplace through diversity training, in advertising, in entertainment and often in sports. Cancel culture tears down statues and is a 21st Century version

of book burning. This Marxist ideology has infiltrated the culture and national history by infiltration and transformation. Eventually CRT will bankrupt our nation spiritually and intellectually with its warmed-over Marxism. CRT is racist, discriminates, denigrates the value of American citizenship, and needs to be stopped. America is being destroyed from within.

On the political and civic levels CRT continues to advance by trampling rights, liberties and national solidarity in its pursuit of equity, which is equal distribution of goods and outcomes by group. It rejects laws that should apply equally to everyone.

Historically Christianity has provided guard rails for liberal political tradition. But CRT is like a new religion, is incompatible with Christianity and when not accepted becomes tyrannical and totalitarian. Most institutions will have to be recaptured because our country cannot continue without them.

Many CRT actions have to be challenged legally and constitutionally. For the sake of our country, our freedoms and the children, we must at least match the commitment of the CRT proponents. Some may choose to be active in local politics and local issues. Others will organize to build coalitions of like-minded people and people of good will. The greatest frustration will be when elected officials and other government employees will lack the courage or the desire to drive out CRT. Then, they should be voted out of office.

Within this past week Archbishop Vigano, a former papal nuncio to the United States, warned people of the world that a coup d'etat by financial and ideological elite had enslaved leaders around the world by ensuring power, money and social affiliation to them. Due to various emergencies, fundamental inviolable rights would no longer be recognized in their countries. When governmental powers comply with the coup, they will deprive citizens of any possibility of defense. The Archbishop hopes to galvanize those who have no intention of becoming slaves, believe in their own identity, individuality and religious faith to work for traditional values and protection of life for the common good. Under the Cross of Jesus Christ, "*In hoc signo vinces*."

When the highest authorities in the locality and the country fail the people and their country, is there anyone else to ask for help?

Two months ago, a servant of God was elevated to Blessed by declaration of the Holy Father. This Blessed lived under a Leninist/Marxist government and often had to negotiate with that government using their terminology. Here is a person now regarded as dwelling in the happiness of heaven, who could be an Advocate to God for our country and people, who are overwhelmed by a system which promotes violating the laws of God and also robbing children of their innocence. "Blessed Stefan Wyszynski, intercede for us, for the children and for the United States of America."

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