

The fight against CRT



There's long been a strain of thought in education that attempts to impose social justice aims on schools. Robert Pondiscio writes:

At a recent Manhattan Institute event on building new education institutions, Stephanie Saroki de Garcia, the co-founder and managing director of Seton Education Partners, which serves 5000 students in underserved communities including the South Bronx, was asked what students and parents were looking for in their schools. Her answer was forthright and bold. She said the parents her schools serve want safety, respect, character, and civic education. What they don't want — or at least aren't asking for — she added, is “antiracist” education. “We have not had a single one of the parents of our 5,000 students that we're serving, saying, ‘We want you to do more of this antiracist work.’”

In the past few days, I've run Saroki's observation past a number of charter school leaders, including some whose schools and charter management organizations are, at least in their official stances and public pronouncements, visibly woke and all-in on antiracism. None took any issue with it. If anything, they amplified her comments. “I don't think I've had one email or call saying ‘I wish my child was taught critical race theory’ or anything like that,” says the leader of one major charter management organization. Parents want a “really clear accounting of our history” and “books that are affirming [with] lots of positive portrayals of Black and Latinx folks,” he adds. “But in terms of ‘Please teach them about systemic racism or white supremacy culture’ I hear nothing around that.”

What's going on here?

[Robert Pondiscio, "[Critical Race Theory is the New Technocracy](#)," RealClearPolicy, June 17]

A vigorous fight in a small Texas city unseated advocates of a pernicious racial theory. Ross Hunt writes:

The tide is turning in the fight against Critical Race Theory (CRT). Following the exposure in 2020 of CRT training in agencies throughout American government, the Trump Administration issued a ban on CRT at the federal level. President Biden overturned that ban on his first day in office, but the war has gone on—and it's turning in the direction of reason, common sense, and the American tradition of equality before the law. State legislatures from Texas to Florida have put forward bans on critical race theory. Meanwhile, local activists and parents have taken the fight to their local school boards.

On May 1, two school board candidates in Southlake, Texas converted these media, administrative, and legislative advances into a political win. In a high turnout election marked by intense media coverage, the two anti-CRT candidates for the Carroll ISD School Board won in a landslide—by a 40-point margin. The Southlake victory provides a blueprint for conservatives elsewhere to emulate as they fight to win elections against CRT in school boards across America.