

SB3 and the Two CRTs

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Senate Bill 3

- ▶ Passed in second special legislative session in 2021 (87th legislature)
- ▶ Commonly referred to as the “Critical Race Theory” or “CRT” bill
- ▶ Effective on December 2, 2021



Legislative History

- ▶ SB 3 repealed and replaced HB 3979, the legislature’s original “CRT” bill passed during regular session of the 87th Legislature.
 - ▶ TEA has published a comparison chart: <https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/news-and-multimedia/correspondence/taa-letters/senate-bill-3-87th-texas-legislature-second-called-session-update-to-instructional-requirements-and-prohibitions>
- ▶ Similar bills adopted in other states including Idaho, Iowa, Oklahoma, South Carolina, New Hampshire, North Dakota, and Tennessee
- ▶ SB 3 amends Section 28.002 of the Texas Education Code and adds new Sections 28.0022, 21.4555, 21.4556.



THE CONTROVERSY:

Critical Race Theory in K-12 Schools

The Concern:

- ▶ Creeping into K-12 Classrooms
- ▶ Indoctrination
- ▶ Marxist
- ▶ White Students Taught to Feel Ashamed
- ▶ Students of Color Taught to be Victims

The Counter:

- ▶ A Research Concept in Law Schools and in Higher Education
- ▶ Critical Thinking, Questioning
- ▶ Examination of Classicism, Income Gaps
- ▶ Discussion of the Historically Privileged
- ▶ Discussion of the Historically Marginalized



Dispelling the Myths

- ▶ SB 3 does not use the phrase “**critical race theory**.”
- ▶ SB 3 does not address and should not deter **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (“DEI”)** initiatives by public schools.
- ▶ SB 3 does not address and should not deter **culturally relevant teaching**.
- ▶ SB 3 does not prevent the full teaching of World and American History in the context of robust conversation and rigorous critical thinking. In fact, the legislative history and the instructions for development of the TEKS **encourage academic rigor and critical thinking**.



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