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I. THE TARGET

MARXIST 'CRITICAL RACE THEORY' INFILTRATES THE CHURCHES AND THE CULTURE – TREVOR LOUDON AUGUST 9, 2019

https://vachristian.org/marxist-critical-race-theory-infiltrates-the-churches-and-the-culture/

At the Southern Baptists national convention in Birmingham Alabama in June 2019 a resolution on "Critical Race Theory" and "intersectionality" gained passage with a strong majority. The resolution affirmed the Bible as "the first, last, and sufficient authority" in guiding the church on dealing with social evils and said that "critical race theory and intersectionality should only be used in submission to Scripture". The resolution described critical race theory as a "set of tools to explain how race functions in society and intersectionality as the study of how various characteristics overlap".

It is worth noting that a member of the Southern Baptist convention resolutions committee <u>Walter Strickland</u> avidly teaches James Cones' theories from his post at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, North Carolina. Strickland seems to have no conflict teaching Cone's version of race-based Marxism to the future Baptist pastors who stream through his classroom.

CRT is <u>not just a Southern Baptist problem</u>. This false Marxist doctrine is taught in churches, seminaries and universities all across America. The Southern Baptists, the most conservative major Protestant denomination in America have started down the Marxist road. Several other denominations are well ahead of them.

GAL. 5:9 – A little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough.

Pastor Max Lucado asks forgiveness for Christian white supremacy – Iris Dimmick August 9, 2020

https://sanantonioreport.org/pastor-max-lucado-asks-forgiveness-for-christian-white-supremacy/

Prominent local pastor and author <u>Max Lucado</u> got down on his knees Sunday in San Antonio to beg forgiveness for his and his white ancestors' acts of racism and inaction. "I am sorry that I have been silent. I am sorry that my head has been buried in the sand," Lucado said. "My brothers and sisters are hurting and I am sorry. I have made them to feel less than. I did not help. I did not hear. I did not see. I did not understand."...The Oak Hills Church pastor's prayer comes amid Black Lives Matter protests and calls for racial equity across the nation. Lucado spoke candidly about the "sin" of racism in and outside of the Church. "Your church, your pastors, have broken your heart by favoring one skin color over another — oh, Lord God, have mercy on our souls. ... How dare we? ... How that must nauseate you, O Lord," he said, adding that those sins extend to brown skin and that he himself has committed them. "The word 'wetback' has found its way on my lips, too," he said. "For that, I'm so very sorry. Would you please, O Lord, bring a new day."

CGN LEADERSHIP STATEMENT ON RACISM — CALVARY GLOBAL NETWORK AUG 13, 2020

https://calvarychapel.com/posts/cgn-statement-on-racism

Preamble

In response to the historic, present, and ongoing discrimination against people of color in the United States of America (USA), which has been too often enabled and supported by professing followers of Jesus, the Calvary Global Network (CGN) Executive Leadership Team offers this statement on racism.

Institutional Racism

We acknowledge racism has been an element within American history from the beginning. From the legal enslavement of black Africans to the "Jim Crow" laws and state-sponsored segregation, racism has embedded itself in many of our institutions. Sadly, the church has not been guiltless in this matter. American church history has been tragically marred by many examples of complicity with the racist policies of the state being followed by the church. Segregated congregations are a historic example of the evil presence of racism within the church.

Intentional Listening

We must commit, by God's grace, to being "swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath," as we listen to the experiences and history of people of color in the United States, "for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God" (Js. 1:19b).

KIRK FRANKLIN TALKS WITH MATT CROUCH, ROBERT MORRIS, AND DR. TONY EVANS ON TBN | PRAISE – MARCH 12, 2020

https://youtu.be/nm0PeMU7z2A

II. THE DEFINITION

<u>UCLA School of Public Affairs</u>: CRT recognizes that racism is engrained in the fabric and system of the American society. The individual racist need not exist to note that institutional racism is pervasive in the dominant culture. This is the analytical lens that CRT uses in examining existing power structures. CRT identifies that these power structures are based on white privilege and white supremacy, which perpetuates the marginalization of people of color.

MARGARET L. USDANSKY, "GAY COUPLES, BY THE NUMBERS," USA TODAYAPRIL 12, 1993, 8A.

According to <u>USA Today</u>: "...homosexual couples who live together may be wealthier than hetero-sexual live-in couples, an analysis of new census numbers suggests...gay male couples appear to be particularly affluent, out-earning even married couples: Gay male couples had a \$56,863 household income; Married couples, \$47,012; Heterosexual unmarried couples, \$37,602."

CBS LINES UP 'EXPERTS' TO SAY 'WHITE AMERICANS' HAVE 'CONTEMPT FOR BLACK LIFE' – KYLE DRENNEN, JUNE 1ST, 2020

https://www.newsbusters.org/blogs/nb/kyle-drennen/2020/06/01/cbs-lines-experts-say-white-americans-have-contempt-black-life

"Well, it's just like if — have you ever been in a room and there's something — you feel a little something itching in your nose? There's a — something in the air, a dust or pollen that you can't see....Racism is like that. It's ingrained in our society and it's taken for granted. And all of the things that are taken for granted can accumulate and be deadly on certain segments of the population. And it comes down on the heads of poor people and people of color."

REVOLUTIONARY ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT (RAM)

BURN DOWN THE AMERICAN PLANTATION: CALL FOR A REVOLUTIONARY ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT. UNITED STATES: COMRADES OF THE REVOLUTIONARY ABOLITIONIST MOVEMENT.

- P. 3 We must burn down the American plantation once and for all.
- P. 8 In the United States, the 20th century also provided no reprieve from white supremacist violence; in actuality the modern plantation system further entrenched itself into the substratum of the American psyche.

- P. 39-40 Whether people are in incarceration, detention, deportation, or subject to white supremacist/patriarchal violence we must create the networks for them to escape and live with dignity. It is our duty to bring this process to a halt, as soon as possible, **by any means necessary**.
- P. 44 We promise to all those who have previously risked everything for liberation, who have lived and died under the oppressive yoke of this country, and all those still struggling for a better life, that we will put all our strength towards building communities so powerful that they will repel any attempt, from within or without, to reestablish the oppressive power of white supremacy, patriarchy, the State and capital. We will burn down the American plantation once and for all.

<u>CRT is a Marxist</u> technique used to divide society into antagonistic racial groups who can be manipulated to create chaos and revolution.

BRANNON HOWSE, RELIGIOUS TROJAN HORSE, P. 47

Antonio Gramsci advised World War II dictator Benito Mussolini that violence was not the way to bring about a lasting revolution people would embrace and maintain. Gramsci wrote eloquently of a "quiet" revolution—one that would transform a culture from within by changing the basic worldview of each and every institution in society. He also cautioned that this revolution would be "a long march through the institutions," not a blitzkrieg of change. so clear was his strategic thinking that Gramsci targeted Christianity specifically as the greatest philosophical adversary along the way. Later in the twentieth century, Gramsci's vision captivated another rising neo-Marxist who codified the Gramsci dream in a 1971 book, Rules for Radicals: A Pragmatic Primer for Realistic Radicals. in it, Saul Alinsky detailed the need to penetrate the middle class and re-organize from within. Alinksy articulated tactics for infiltrating every conceivable social institution, including churches.

MATT. 12:25 — And knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, "Any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself will not stand."

FORGOTTEN TESTIMONY: MANNING JOHNSON WARNS ABOUT COMMUNISM

https://<u>unconstrainedanalytics.org</u>/forgotten-testimony-manning-johnson-warns-about-communism/

Manning Johnson joined the US Communist Party in 1931 and worked as an Organizer in Buffalo, NY, until he transferred to New York City where he joined the National Committee of the Communist Party. He left the Party in 1940 and is the author of *Color, Communism, and Common Sense*. He writes about his path to following Left philosophy:

Being an idealist, I was sold this "bill of goods" by a Negro graduate of the Lenin Institute in Moscow. The color of one's skin is no bar to a young man or woman dreaming of making a better world. Like other Negroes, I experienced and saw many injustices and inequities around me based upon color, not ability. I was told that "the decadent capitalist system is responsible," that "mass pressure" could force concessions but "that just prolongs the life of capitalism"; that I must unite and work with all those who more or less agree that capitalism must go.

Little did I realize until I was deeply enmeshed in the Red Conspiracy, that just and seeming grievances are exploited to transform idealism into a cold and ruthless weapon against the capitalist system—that this is the end toward which all the communist efforts among Negroes are directed. Indeed, I had entered the red conspiracy in the vain belief that it was the way to a "new, better and superior" world system of society. Ten years later, thoroughly disillusioned, I abandoned communism. The experiences of those years in "outer darkness" are like a horrible nightmare. I saw communism in all its naked cruelty, ruthlessness and

utter contempt of Christian attributes and passions. And, too, I saw the low value placed upon human life, the total lack of respect for the dignity of man, the betrayal of trust, the terror of the Secret Police and the bloody hand of the assassin, during and since, those fateful years when I embraced communism....

...After two years of practical training in organizing street demonstrations, inciting mob violence, how to fight the police and how to politically "throw a brick and hide," I was ready, in the opinion of my leaders, for a top communist school."

III. THE PROGENITORS

James Cone – religious revolutionary; Union Theological Seminary

In <u>1990</u> Democratic Socialists of America published a cone edited anthology entitled "The Black Church and Marxism: what do they have to say to each other?"

In his <u>1969</u> book "Black Theology and Black Power" Cone wrote: "The time has come for white America to be silent and listen to black people... All white men are responsible for white oppression...Theologically, Malcolm X was not far wrong when he called the white man 'the devil.'

In a **2004** essay Cone opined, "Black suffering is getting worse, not better...White supremacy is so clever and evasive that we can hardly name it. It claims not to exist, even though black people are dying daily from its poison."

Derrick Bell – Legal Revolutionary

Bell's <u>1973</u> book, "Race, Racism and American Law," has become a law school standard and is now in its sixth edition.

IV. THE FALSE GOSPEL

GAL. 1:6-9 – ⁶ I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; ⁷ which is *really* not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. ⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed! ⁹ As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed!

2 COR. 11:4 – For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully.

One brave Christian **Tom Ascol**, Senior Pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Cape Coral, Florida, unsuccessfully challenged the CRT resolution, correctly explaining that "critical race theory and intersectionality" are "rooted in ideologies that are incompatible with Christianity."

Christianity is based entirely around the individual and his or her relationship with God. It is the individual who may be saved through faith in Jesus Christ, not the collective. **CRT is a Marxist** technique used to divide society into antagonistic racial groups who can be manipulated to create chaos and revolution.

- **2 COR. 6:14-15** ¹⁴ Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ¹⁵ Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever?
- **Gal. 3:28** There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Eph. 2:14-16 - ¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one* and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, ¹⁵ by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so that in Himself He might make the two into one new man, *thus* establishing peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.

I was told recently of an <u>episode that occurred in a church in North Carolina</u>. The young pastor, all fired up with CRT noticed that a black family and a white family in his congregation shared the same surname. He falsely concluded that the ancestors of the white family must have once owned the ancestors of the black family. From the pulpit the pastor demanded that the white family apologize to the black family for the slave-owning sins of their forefathers. The white family bravely refused to apologize for the non-existent transgression, which created a major split in the church. That church no longer exists.

Worldview questions

	Christianity	Critical theory
Who are we?	God's creatures	Members of various groups
What is our problem?	Sin	Oppression
What is the solution?	Jesus	Liberation
What is our duty?	Loving God	Liberating the oppressed
What is our purpose?	Glorifying God	Working for liberation

Ephesians 2:1 – And you were dead in your trespasses and sins.

John 3:3-5 - ³ Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴

Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Matt. 28:19 — Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

1 TIM. 2:1-4 - ¹ First of all, then, I urge that entreaties *and* prayers, petitions *and* thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, ² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. ³ This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

John 16:2-3 - ² They will make you outcasts from the synagogue, but an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God. ³ These things they will do because they have not known the Father or Me.

V. THE ANSWER

DID AMERICA CREATE SLAVERY? - WALLBUILDERS JUNE 29th, 2020

https://wallbuilders.com/did-america-create-slavery/?fbclid=IwAR0299eGE4tUnpr6qP9 IvqShcZ5 PwxwjgGYU3JdqRJCmAMdLQHpMKckeDU

Even today, nearly 160 years after America became one of the first nations to abolish slavery, there are still <u>94 nations</u> that do not have laws criminalizing slavery. [ix] This has led to the enslavement of over <u>40 million</u> people in the world right now. In a stroke of tragic irony, <u>Africa</u> has the highest rate of slavery today, closely followed by <u>Asia</u>, [x] while <u>North</u> <u>America</u> has the lowest. [xi] Currently, <u>Africa</u> holds some 9,240,000 people in chains and slavery today, [xii] which is nearly identical to the total number of slaves disembarked in the entire New World (North, Central,

and South America) throughout the almost four centuries of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade. [xiii]

[ix] Sonia Elks, "Slavery is Not a Crime for Almost Half the Countries in the World," Reuters (February 12, 2020), accessed June 16, 2020, here.

[x] "Prevalence Across the Regions," Global Slavery Index (2018), accessed June 16, 2020, here.

[xi] "Regional Highlights: Americas," Global Slavery Index (2018), accessed June 17, 2020, here.

[xii] "Region Highlights: Africa," Global Slavery Index (2018), accessed June 16, 2020, here. [xiii] "Summary Statistics," Slave Voyages (accessed June 16, 2020), here.

John 3:16 – For God so loved <u>the world</u>, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

Rev. 5:9 – And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood <u>men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation</u>.