

# Critical Race Theory

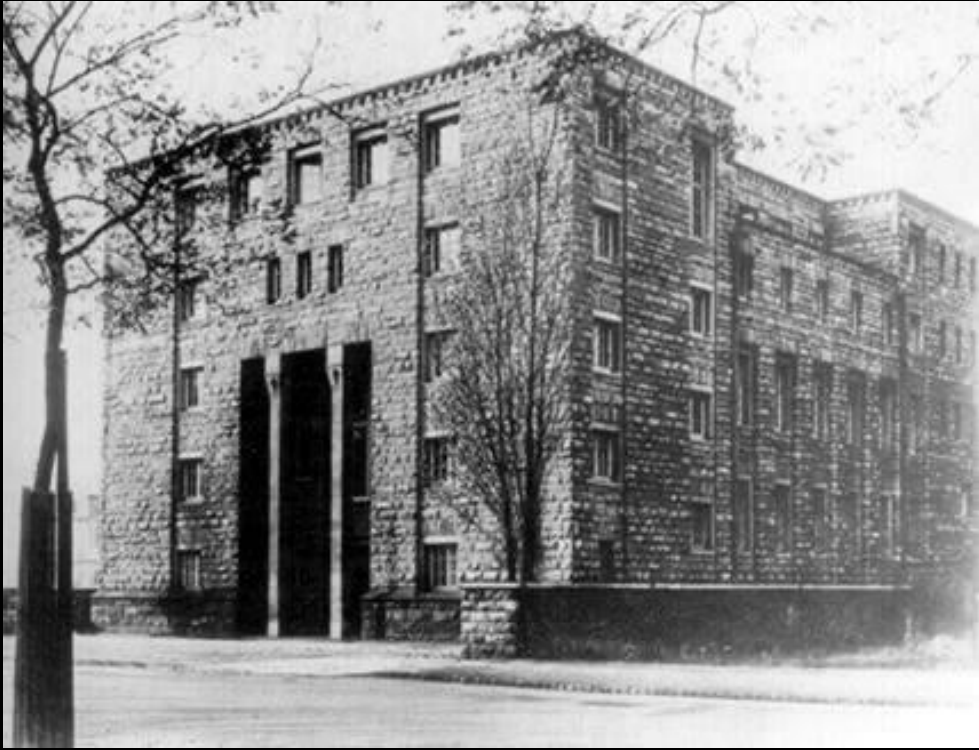
Week One: Where did CRT originate, What is CRT, Where is CRT being utilized?

Week Two: How do we respond as Christians based on Scripture?

# Critical Race Theory Fits the Marxist View of Economic Evolution



# Frankfurt School



Founded as a school for Marxist thought but the core of the  
faculty began meeting in 1918

# The (R)evolution of CRT



Development of the critical theory

- ❖ Reaction to the Russian revolution
- ❖ First utilized economics
- ❖ Secondly employed sociology

# Five Pillars of Western Culture

Antonio Gramsci believed Western culture had a dominance that accepted status quo. He identified five pillars of that dominance:

- ❖ Family
- ❖ Religion
- ❖ Education
- ❖ Media
- ❖ Law

Gramsci felt these needed to be the targets necessary to facilitate a communist revolution in the West.

# CRT Marches Into America

- ❖ Herbert Marcuse wrote in his 1964 book, *One Dimensional Man* a critique of today's consumerism society that people are not thinking in their own interests, but in terms of heteronomous, or the society's power structure interests.
- ❖ Under the guidance of Rudi Dutschke in the 1960's the "long march through the institutions" began on academic campuses
- ❖ In 1953 Dr. Bella Dodd, a defected member of the Communist Party USA testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, stating as early as the 1920's communists understood the wedge issue that would tear America apart was race.
- ❖ 1960's Angela Davis brings black feminism and Marcuse's radical theories to awaken people from their false consciousness concerning race.
- ❖ Davis would inspire Kimberly Crenshaw, who with Derrick Bell, both at Harvard Law and the originator of the name Critical Race Theory, was inspired by Angela Davis.

# CRT Is An Idealistic Vision of Society Necessary To Bring About the Fourth Stage

According to the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy CRT has three components:

- ❖ Idealistic vision for society
- ❖ It must then inform the society currently lived in how it does or does not fit the stated vision
- ❖ It must inspire social activism on behalf of the stated vision

# CRT IS A Movement That:

- ❖ Uses the basis of postmodern assumption that race is a social construct.
- ❖ Rejects norms for society that are the basis of our culture derived from the Scottish Enlightenment; equality, theory, legal reasoning, enlightenment rationalism, and the neutral principles of constitutional law.
- ❖ "Critical Race Theory calls into question the very foundations of the liberal order."  
*Critical Race Theory: An Introduction*



# Four Tenets of Critical Race Theory

According to Dr. Voddie Bauchum:

1. Racism as normative (systematic)... it's normal, everywhere and unavoidable.
2. Interest convergence (White people are unable to take righteous actions against racism unless it is in their individual interests.
3. Anti-objectivity
4. Knowledge is socially constructed

# Why Is Education Important?

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*Vladimir Lenin*

# Next Week

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# How do we respond to CRT as Christians Utilizing Holy Scripture?

- ❖ Review the tenets of CRT
- ❖ What is our Identity? Are we racists?
- ❖ Racism Exists. Is Racism Normal?
- ❖ Convergence of Personal Interests?
- ❖ Anti-Objectivity
- ❖ The Social Construction of Knowledge vs. God's Knowledge

# How Should We Live as Christians with CRT?

- ❖ Understand what CRT is and how it impacts your witness in the world
- ❖ Know that CRT has NO place in the Church
- ❖ Stand Firm
- ❖ Pray Without Ceasing
- ❖ Proclaim the Gospel to Everyone – Even Proponents of CRT
- ❖ DO NOT FEAR