

Critical race theory thrust into spotlight by misinformation | ABC News

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Critical race theory is a buzzword that is at the center of a heated debate on what children learn in classrooms.

The only problem — what does it mean?

Some parents and Republican legislators say educators are “indoctrinating” students with certain lessons on race that make students feel “discomfort” or “shame.”

They say critical race theory seeks to blame white students for the actions of people in the past and teach that “the United States is fundamentally racist or sexist,” according to a 2020 executive order from former President Donald Trump.

Critical race theorists, educators and some parents say that some opponents are actively distorting what the theory is in order to reverse progress made in diversity and racial equity. They say it’s also a way to rile up voters in a collective fight against perceived reverse discrimination.

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