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Amendment to Stop CRT in Pre-K, K-12

K-12 schools and even Pre-Kindergarten programs across the country are employing curricula, trainings, and other materials inspired by Critical Race Theory (CRT). These materials encourage educators to teach age-inappropriate concepts to children and to treat them differently on the basis of race, in violation of federal civil-rights law.

This amendment by Senator Tom Cotton would prohibit federal funds from being used to promote CRT or to compel individuals to affirm CRT in Pre-K programs and K-12 schools. This amendment will ensure that federal tax dollars are not abused to promote CRT in our schools.

Examples of CRT in Pre-K, K-12

- [Head Start](#), which administers federally funded Pre-K programs for children from birth to age 5, hosted “anti-racist” webinars claiming that no child is “too young to talk about race” and that teachers should consciously attempt to raise “Resisters.” The webinar made dubious and divisive claims about racism in infants and toddlers, e.g., that “by 30 months, most children use race to choose playmates” and that “expressions of racial prejudice often peak at ages 4 and 5”
- In April, the Biden administration [issued new priorities](#) for the American History and Civics Education programs that pressured educators to include CRT-inspired proposals in grant applications. Under pressure, the administration made these priorities optional
- At least [30 school districts across 15 states](#) have assigned a CRT-inspired book, *Not My Idea: A Book About Whiteness*, which depicts “whiteness” as the devil, luring children with the promise of “stolen land [and] stolen riches”



Figure 1. Slide from a webinar hosted by Head Start's Early Childhood Learning and Knowledge Center.