



A RESOLUTION OF THE COLLIER COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
CALLING ON THE
COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
TO NOT ADOPT ANY OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS FOR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS, K-12 IN THE 2020-2021 ADOPTION YEAR

Passed by the Collier County Republican Executive Committee - June 7, 2021

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, by the Second Continental Congress, affirms that “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal”; and

WHEREAS, the Gettysburg Address, delivered by President Abraham Lincoln on November 19, 1863, confirms that “Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal”; and

WHEREAS, the 14th Amendment of the Constitution of the United States, ratified on July 9, 1868, decrees that “No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws”; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory and related ideologies propagate divisive and untrue concepts that assign fault, blame, or bias, to a particular race or to an individual because of his or her race and that individuals of one race should be deprived of basic rights simply because of their race*; and

WHEREAS, Critical Race Theory and related ideologies like the 1619 Project teach that America is racist, foster hate and contempt for America and are rooted in Marxism*, an anti-American ideology that has caused untold suffering and death everywhere it has been implemented; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis stated, “Let me be clear, there is no room in our classrooms for things like Critical Race Theory.” Florida's Governor further stated that, “Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money.”; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis and the Collier County Republican Executive Committee have zero tolerance for state-sanctioned racism, and we adhere to the same principle expressed by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in that we believe “that every child should learn to judge people not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.”; and

WHEREAS, it is contrary to the laws of God and nature that an individual's moral character is necessarily determined by his or her race and that individuals should thus be discriminated against in the classroom, the workplace or any public forum or place; and

WHEREAS, according to the instructional material review completed by the Florida Citizen's Alliance, the instructional materials for English Language Arts, K-5 in the 2020-2021 adoption year are infused with Critical Race Theory and related ideologies; and

WHEREAS, the community is fully opposed to using Collier County Public Schools as indoctrination centers, where specific ideologies like Critical Race Theory and related ideologies are taught; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Collier County Republican Executive Committee calls on the Collier County Public School Board to not adopt and/or purchase any of the proposed, replacement instructional materials for English Language Arts, K-5 in adoption year 2020-2021. Further, elected officials that fail or refuse to take action to remove Critical Race Theory and related ideologies from our public schools will be held to account by parents and voters at the ballot box.

*https://www.oag.ok.gov/sites/g/files/gmc766/f/doe_letter.pdf