

# CRITICAL RACE THEORY

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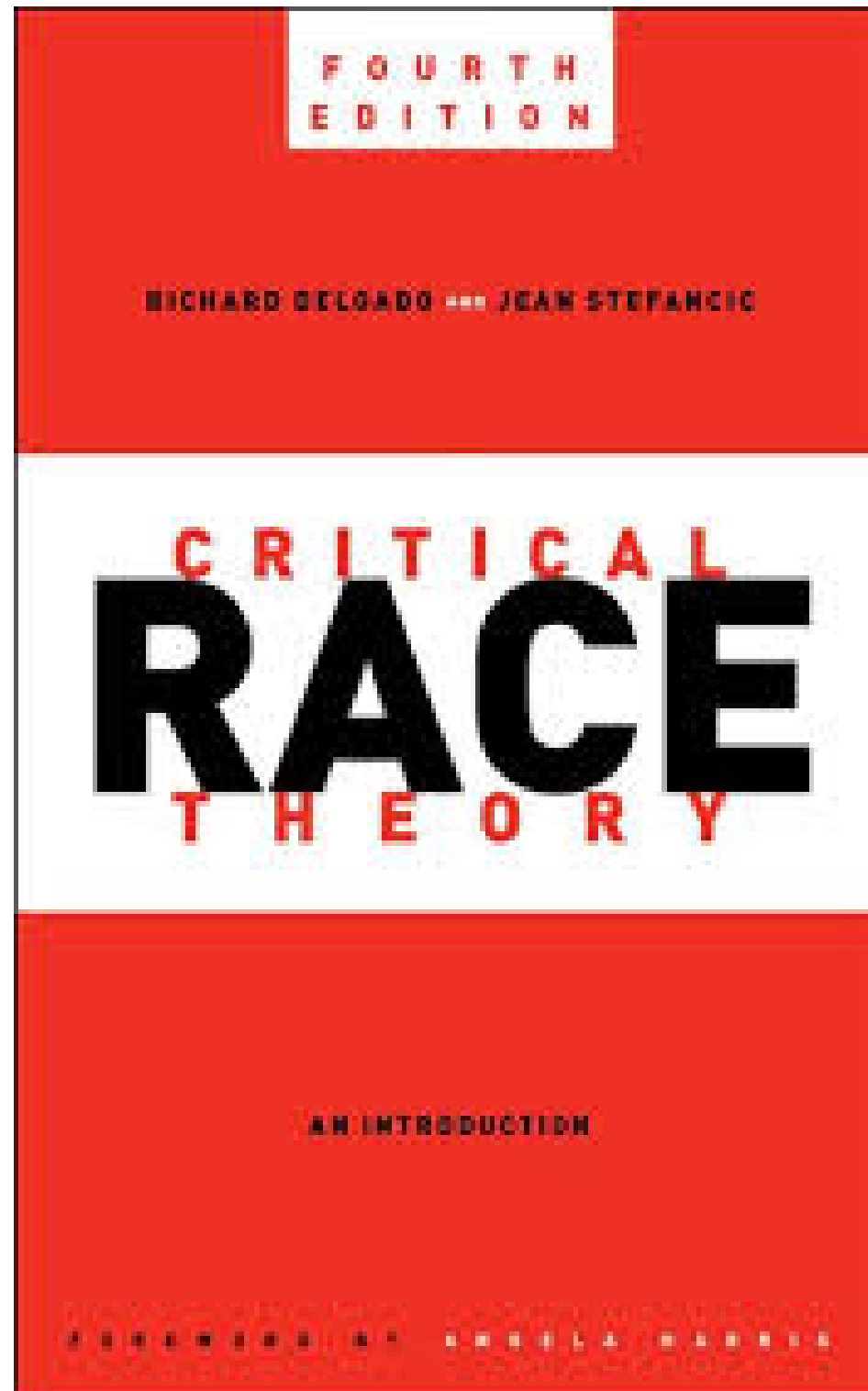
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# DEFINITION

## WHAT IS IT REALLY?



- **An academic/legal framework (US, 1970s) to analyze power.**
    - **Key Pillar:** Racism is systemic, not just individual prejudice.
    - **Social Construct:** Race is a tool to distribute power, not a biological reality.
    - **The "Lens":** Uses intersectionality to see how race, class, and gender overlap.
  - **Outcome:** Critique of "color-blind" laws that maintain inequality.
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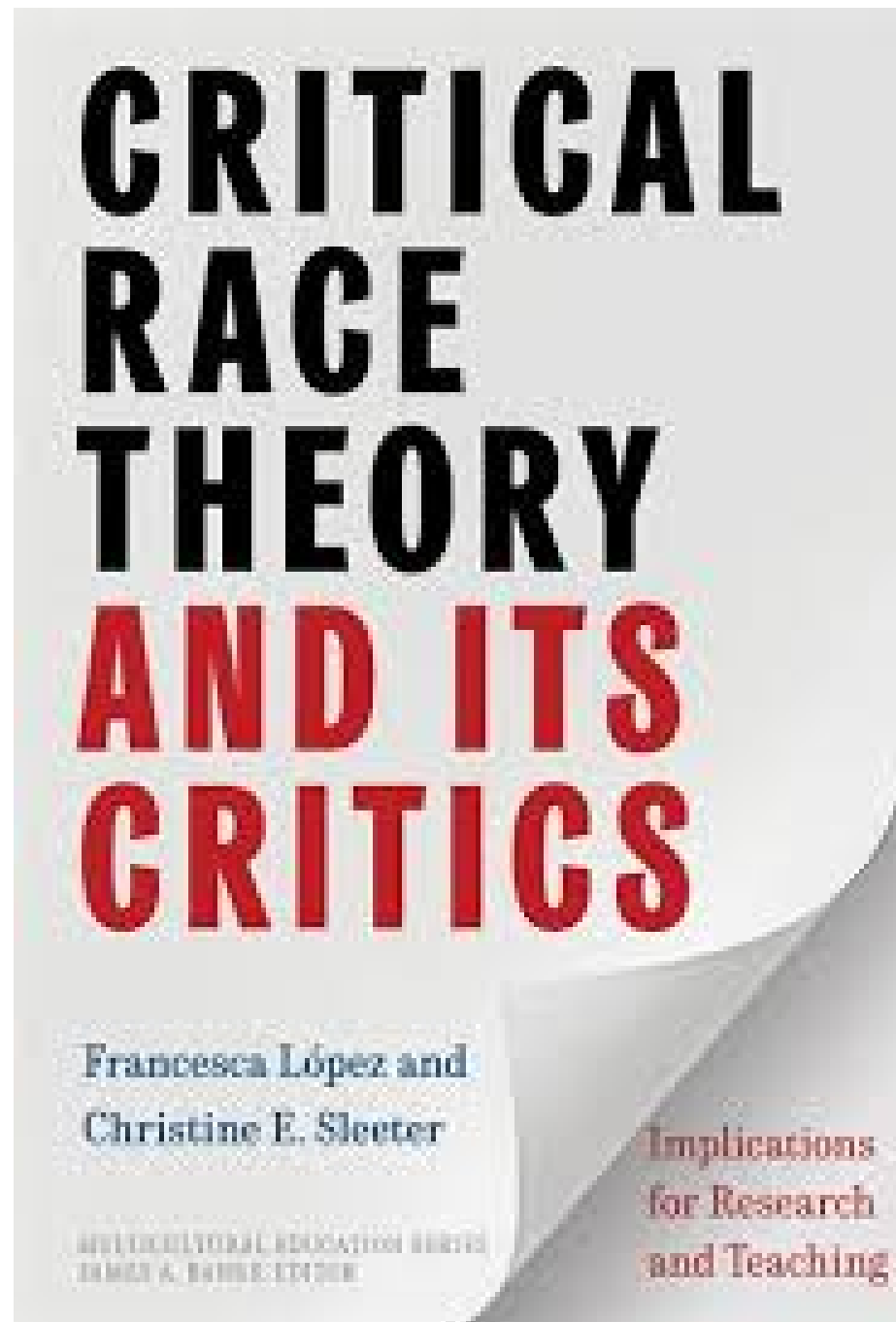
# THE HISTORY

The critical race theory was developed during the 80's by law teachers like Derrick Bell, who noticed that despite a better legislation, there were still inequalities in the american society during the 70's.

According to them, the American system is conceived for white people, without being necessarily based on racist ideas. This can be called a structural racism in the main sectors of society, such as justice, school, police or administration.



# POLITICAL AND ACADEMIC CRITICS



- **Social Division:** Critics argue it labels people as "oppressors" or "victims."
  - **Attack on Meritocracy:** Fear that it undermines individual effort and the "American Dream."
  - **Liberal Defense:** Supporters of color-blindness believe the law must treat everyone exactly the same.
- Conclusion:** A clash of visions between individual intent and structural change.

# TEACHING BAN

September 2020 : President Trump (Republican Party) forbids every funding for programs which teach that the USA is a racist country. He said that it was a "anti-american propaganda which only tend to divide".

The same year, a law project is suggested to the governor of California, Gavin Newsom (Democrat Party). The goal of this project was to create a program which denounces the USA as a patriarchal, capitalist and racist country and system. Governor Newsom thought that it was too much ideologically oriented and put a veto on it.

June 2021 : The state of Florida decided to forbid all public schools to teach the critical race theory. This vote was initiated by the governor of Florida, Ron DeSantis (Republican Party).

January 2025 : President re-elected Donald Trump decided to forbid all the fundings for every school who was teaching this theory.



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