# A Seismic Shift in Culture Explained – What is Marxist-Critical Theory?

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### A Bit of Background

We are living in a *moment of time* that is a cultural seismic shift. I want to introduce you to a message that will be very helpful to you and those you influence. It will help you understand **what is really happening in America** with **#1.** <u>COVID</u>, **#2.** Riots and demonstrations, and **#3.** <u>Supreme Court decisions</u>. (*The* <u>Aftermath of Bostock: A Cultural Seismic Shift</u>, in this important article, John Stonestreet elaborates the real impact of this decision)

How do these three issues tie together and what is the mechanism at work? More about these in the **appendix**. Also, below see info on Black Lives Matter.

We will discuss **Critical Theory** as the working engine of Marxism, but first a little background. This article asserts that <u>You Can Be A Christian, You Can Be A</u> <u>Marxist, But You Can't Be Both.</u> Please keep this truth in mind as you read. These two worldviews are absolutely mutually exclusive.

I am going to appeal to you to watch a YouTube on Critical <u>Theory and Racism in</u> <u>America</u> (drop down to this title and hit on the man's face or find it on our web page at <u>http://www.bigskyworldview.org/media</u>) that we elaborate below, with your kids and friends to equip them for this season. It's not short, it's a training tool from a great teacher. This is a rare opportunity to train kids if you wish for them to survive as Christian conservatives. They are being bombarded with cultural Marxism from every direction.

**Critical Theory** is the weapon being used by the <u>New Left</u> to promote Marxist indoctrination. It is the essence of what the <u>Democratic Party</u> has become. Understanding this will give you a whole new perception of Marxism and the Democratic Party.

The ancient Greeks had two words for time: **chronos** and **kairos**. The former refers to chronological or sequential time, while the latter relates to the **circumstances that open moments of opportunity**. We are in a kairos moment in America. The implication of the word *kairos* is that opportunity to "make hay while the sun shines" passes.

# Clarion Call for Grass Roots Leadership:

We would normally look to three institutions for leadership, the Congress, local and state Legislators, and the Church. At the moment, none seems to be coming from these sources. People like Mark Levin, Tucker Carlson, Rush and a few others are issuing a clarion cry that **we are losing the culture.** I embrace the thinking that at times, to NOT speak is sin.

**#1**. Sadly, at this very *kairos*, the majority of our **Republican Legislators** at all levels are setting on their hands – keeping their powder dry until the right time to speak. From talking to some of the Montana R's I respect, it appears they think they are going to address this in the next legislative session starting in January. *"They have us over a barrel, we could lose our income"* one said. The problem is that the <u>Cultural Consensus</u> on these issues is quickly shifting because the Left is working and we are not. What ever happened to the battle cry of the war for independence?

"What is it that gentlemen wish? What would they have? Is life so dear, or peace so sweet, as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God! I know not what course others may take; but as for me, **give me liberty or give me death**!" (Patrick Henry)

**#2**. What is the source of salt and light doing? If you walk into the **vast majority of evangelical churches** today, it is like walking into a backwards <u>time warp</u>.

Dennis Prager writes <u>American Jews and Christians are Failing the Test of Their</u> <u>Lives.</u> What they are talking about is completely divorced from the reality of the *kairos*. They grind away talking about various forms of what really amounts to self-help dressed up with bible verses - playing Ostrich to the *kairos*. You would never know anything was happing outside the four walls. We experienced sexual revolution, Roe v. Wade, loss of school prayer, the LGBT revolution, Obergefell v. Hodges (same-sex marriage) and now Bostock v. Clayton County – the recent Supreme Court decision to change the meaning of sex which amounts to a national NDO-SOGI law. John Stonestreet from the Colson Center speaks about <u>these court decisions</u> that will open the doors to a seismic cultural shift that will also impact the church. In the 80's, I was a pastor and we were coached to *never get involved in controversial cultural issues*. Well, like the church today we were <u>complicit</u>.

Encouragingly, some of my pastor friends are speaking out. The problem is that there is not enough unity to become a force in America. Remember that verse in Ecclesiastes 4:12, *"Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken... a cord of three strands is not quickly broken."* Maybe you ought to be asking some hard questions of your church leaders.

**#3. We the People** – yes, YOU, WE, US? Mathew 11:17 comes to mind. *'We played the pipe for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.'* Along with the word **trifling**. Your pastors can't talk that way because we think that if we are OFFENDED, then they are wrong. It's called rebellion. The vast majority of Americans are deeply committed to... their amusement.

#### The New Left is Making Hay While the Sun Shines:

The problem is that the **New Left is very attuned to** *kairos*. While we are ignorant and complacent, the Left is always ripe for the moment, the *kairos*. I did not say we are stupid; we can *fix* ignorant; you can't fix stupid. You have heard them say *never let a crisis go to waste*? We thought this was just a cliche someone uttered but it's not. This is the motto of the Critical Theorists. Boy, they mean it! And, their commitment level to that kairos is strong – they put the conservatives and Christians to shame.

# If you actually listen to the YouTube below, you're going to have a whole new understanding of what we are facing. Donald J. Trump defines leadership, he is

one of the few warriors with a backbone. It appears he is the New Lefts prime target, but actually it's you. They know that if they destroy his voice, they win because we have none!

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# A Providential Moment and CT:

I am firmly convinced that Cultural Marxism or what you will see as <u>Critical Theory</u> (CT) is the biggest threat America faces. If your serious about your country, this will become a course of study. Here, John Stonestreet's <u>Breakpoint</u> *Is Critical Theory Compatible with Christianity* addresses it briefly.

In March, Dr. Glenn Sunshine will be at the Forum teaching on this. Because of our current moment, my concern drove me to ask him for information on CT now. Providentially, he replied that same day inviting me to a ZOOM meeting that night. His two-hour teaching is now a YouTube. I am asking you to watch it with your kids, your small groups and friends. You probably won't digest it in one setting.

From Dr. Sunshine's <u>web page</u> *Every Square Inch*, we present to you his webinar with power point <u>Critical Theory and Racism In America</u>. (Drop down to this title and hit on the man's face)or our web at <u>http://www.bigskyworldview.org/media</u>) See also at our <u>web page</u> under MEDIA. Glenn's teaser is as follows:

The protests and the rioting and looting in the aftermath of George Floyd's death at the hands of the police have brought the issue of racism in America to the forefront. As Christians, we must oppose racism whenever and wherever we see it. But does that mean we must support the most outspoken leaders of the anti-racism movement? What are the core ideas of Critical Theory, the worldview that underpins Black Lives Matter and similar organizations? In this webinar, we will look at the development of Critical Theory, how it works as a worldview, and provide a biblical critique of its *ideas. We will also explore a more biblically grounded approach to race and race relations.* 

In another discussion of Critical Theory, <u>Deconstructing Critical Theory</u> Dr. Glenn Sunshine and two others discuss this dogma. They allude to the *Church Growth Movement*, the *Emerging Church* and Fuller Seminary. While a discussion of these movements is outside the scope of this article, these two movement in part set the stage for Critical Theory. Here you will find <u>my notes</u>, a bit of history of the Christian Growth Movement. In his excellent book <u>Faith Undone</u>, in chapter 2 Roger Oakland gives discusses the players and the history.

### A Few Ideas You Will See Discussed:

What you are seeing playing out today in culture is undergirded by Critical Theory. It has been at work for well over a century. Stalin embraced Marxists thinking that Economics controlled everything. They originally believed they could take over the world by armed revolution. Marxist theory taught that the Proletariat (the so-called working class) would rise up in revolution and take over the means of production by force. When it did not happen, Antonio Gramsci came along and said no, culture controls everything, not just Economics. He began to push the philosophy of cultural takeover after WWI. By capturing the Media in particular, the educational systems, the church, the political parties, and corporations – these institutions would be useful in cultural change. The University would be the key player. **By slow, incremental cultural changes** they would move resistant countries into Marxism without firing a shot. And, they have been very successful. Take a minute and look at this document <u>Anti-Racism Resources</u> that the Left suggests to instruct their kids.

#### Some thoughts and questions:

• The <u>Frankfurt School</u> was a group of German Marxists who fell afoul of the Nazi's so they moved to Columbia University in America in 1935. One of them was John Dewey, the Father of modern education who focused on promoting CT within the education system. In Chicago, Saul Alinsky was also one of them - Hillary Clinton's hero.

- What is meant by <u>Economic Determinism</u> in Marxism? Marxist taught that the economic system controlled everything and you had to change the economic system. Gramsci added, you have to do it by changing culture.
- What is meant by the <u>"Long March through the institutions</u>?" Simply put, it is the march of Marxist thought through all institutions that would control the ideology beginning with academia, schools, corporations, etc. until the entire culture buys into Marxism and/or CT.
- How does the economic term "Zero Sum Game" (the idea that all resources are limited if you take a big piece of the pie, I get less) impact thinking about cultural capital or cultural power? Men have power because they have taken it from women is an example. Or, a 3<sup>rd</sup> world country has less power or wealth because we took it from them.
- The base line of CT relates to the fact that there are the **oppressed and the oppressors** and that applies to EVERYTHING.
- Intersectionality is the thought that all oppression is connected. Everything relates to power and the idea that some people take power from other people. It does not matter if it is a Black taking power from a white or a woman from a man. However, in CT, Moral authority always moves from the oppressor to the oppressed. Whites lose moral authority to Blacks simply because they are the assumed oppressors. The intersect part relates to intersection of identities – i.e. the intersection of race and sex, a Black woman.
  - Everything in culture relates to domination and privilege vs.
    oppression. Your identities are determined by what intersectionality areas you occupy i.e. Black or Black and Gay, white man vs. white woman or white lesbian, rich vs. poor etc.
  - You gain moral authority the more oppressor categories you fit into (black + woman + lesbian) and you lose more moral authority the more oppressed categories you occupy (man + educated + wealthy). More oppressed categories = More Moral authority. The Black, woman who is lesbian has three categories of moral authority or power. This is your identity.
  - Zero Sum Gain is in motion here. You lose moral authority the more you fit into oppressor categories and the authority has to go somewhere so it goes to those you have oppressed. If you have

more categories of oppression (i.e. a white, educated, male with wealth) you lose moral authority to the white uneducated male or someone else. Moral authority is **finite** so in each issue the oppressor must forfeit it to the oppressed.

- Oppression = Sin and Salvation happens the way you get rid of your sin - comes from becoming WOKE or an ally aware of racism and in agreement with the oppressed.
- This indoctrination partially explains why you see so many white people joining Black Lives Matter riots. This explains much about Liberation Theology and you may never get rid of your identity.
- Intersectionality is designed to create a population with higher Moral Authority.
- This is the politics of the New Left
- **Critical Race Theory (CRT)** race is not a biological foundation. We are all in the human race. Early on it was used to identify nationalities. It was not until recently that it was used as so-called **Scientific Race** that introduced the idea that some races as we now think of them, are superior to others. Inevitably, this would and did lead to Racism.
  - CRT is the new definition of Racism relates now to POWER or Moral authority – the two are synonymous. CRT suggests that institutions, structures, ideologies in society give power to whites (for example) over Blacks. If you participate in a system, institution, or ideology that supposedly favors one race (higher education, Republican, Christianity) you are a racist.
  - So, we are back to Gramsci's thinking of the oppressed and oppressors. White Supremacy and White Privilege mark you as a racist because just by being white you are a racist. In Glenn's power point you see that literacy, belief in absolute truth, paternalism, the nuclear family and many other things define this supremacy.
    Objectivity is evidence of racism according to CRT i.e. they are postmodernist and there is no objective truth. Denial of white supremacy is racist.

Once objectivity goes out the window, you are left with experience. So, things like statistics of fatherlessness, unwed

birth rates, even employment rates mean nothing to the CRT movement. They can't hear you. Quoting data is itself racist.

- The Narrative grows out of experiences and reality is subjective. It is supreme and defines truth. The Blacks and Latinos have a set of experiences that determine their truth. Statistics buy into the myth of objectivity. So shared truth or reality is impossible – you can't know my experience.
- Dr. Voddie Baucham refers to this as <u>Ethnic Gnosticism</u> the idea that there is kind of a secret knowledge that is only accessible to YOUR ethnic group. There are truths that are only accessible to the relevant ethnic group – i.e. Whites can't know these certain things.
- Systemic Racism is the idea that racism is embedded in institutions like the police, education, housing, education, political parties etc. These are fundamentally corrupt.
- Black Lives Matter (BLM)– first we must be very clear that Black lives DO MATTER and we must communicate that consistently.

#### The BLM movement is evil, rooted in Marxist/Critical Theory,

**intersectionality, is anti-Christian and anti-American. The leaders clearly are out to topple America as we know it.** It is made up of anarchist bullies, is well funded by American corporations and the NFL. Words fail me to describe how evil and anti-god this group is with a good amount of Intersectionality thrown into the mix.

This excellent article by a pro-family activist group outlines the <u>Real Mission of</u> <u>Black Lives Matter</u>. Many young people support it but the article warns of assuming they have just been sucked in. These people have become radicalized and the author adds; *"If you follow bad ideas and take action to support them, you are guilty of a crime against your fellow citizens."* A key leader of BLM, Shaun King is calling for the <u>burning of churches</u>.

In this Townhall article, Ryan Bomberger, a Black man, gives his <u>Top Ten</u> <u>Reasons he Won't Support BLM</u>. While you're at it, expose your kids to the BLM <u>Manifesto</u> that is about way more than you hear on the news.

#### • What are its Doctrines:

- They are International, radically Marxist
- Deeply rooted in CT
- It rejects the nuclear family and the village raises the children.
- Fathers are nowhere to be found and not supported as worthy of support.
- Unequal outcomes are the result of oppression.
- They are for abortion
- They walk in solidarity with every form of LGBT+ theory
- They are Anti-Semitic
- Note how not ALL Black lives matter, only the ones that fit the narrative.



- The Weapon of White Guilt is their Power: Here we see CT enforced because your white you are guilty of slavery and the only way out is to become WOKE. You have to support and affirm all of the above. This is how you come to salvation; this is what you see with stupid Christian quarterbacks kneeling to BLM.
- News Flash = meet the Long Chains of Liberation Theology and the Marxist <u>Roots of Black Liberation Theology</u> somewhat promoted by the Church Growth Movement and the Emerging Church. Is that why some of the local pastors are supporting Black Lives Matter and Facebooking against police?

<u>This fixes nothing</u>, it only produces more racism. It denies any agency to Black people – they are helpless victims of the whites - it dissolves any opportunity to see themselves as anything but victims.

**Pay close attention** to what Dr. Sunshine says about human worth as a solution. Note also his comment on what he sees as the possible structure of the church as a result of the Supreme Court decisions – perhaps the only way the church will be able to remain faithful is in home churches. **At 2:08** 

"My personal guess, particularly in light of <u>the recent Supreme Court</u> <u>decision</u> [on LGBT rights] is that we are going to be moving away from the kinds of churches that we are familiar with and we are going to have to move toward more house church type structures because given this decision and the things that are going to follow it, there is going to be increasing legal pressure on the churches to [conform] and if you want to remain biblically faithful it's going to be harder and harder to do that. I suspect we are going have to follow what is going on in much of the rest of the world including places where Christianity is growing the fastest, and move toward more of a house church structure. Because a lot of our churches are about to come under siege if they want to stay faithful."

#### **Appendix and Other Resources:**

My three areas of concern are:

- The COVID take over America (which has proven to be more ideological than medical), was not justified by medical issues, it was about power. You have to be out of touch with reality not to realize that we have given up huge amounts of territory and without a whimper! Even our Montana Republican Party canceled their annual convention. They (and we) should be practicing civil disobedience by now. Even if they held the convention in a cow pasture!
- The riots and associations with groups like Black Lives Matter. Your family should understand what BLM actually is. In this Townhall article, Ryan Bomberger, a Black man, give his <u>Top Ten Reasons he Won't Support BLM</u>. While you're at it, expose your kids to the BLM <u>Manifesto</u> that is about way more than you hear on the news. Understand that Black lives Do matter but the movement is pure Marxism the result of decades of indoctrination.
- The recent <u>Supreme Court Decision</u> radically advancing the LGBT agenda. The results of this decision will may well play out for decades.

Voddie Baucham on Critical Theory and related subjects.

<u>Neil Shenvi</u> – an apologist, on Critical Theory. <u>The Incompatibility of Critical</u> <u>Theory and Christianity.</u>

<u>The Devil's Pleasure Palace</u>, The Cult of Critical Theory and Destruction of the West - Michael Walsh

*Fools, Frauds and Firebrands Thinkers of the Left*- Roger Scruton

• Dr. John Eidsmoe's comment and this article, he has taught constitutional law forever. "To any rational person, the idea that it is racist to say "All lives matter" instead of "Black lives matter" is utterly bizarre. This discussion of "critical race theory" and "intersection" helps us understand the tortured path of reasoning by which some people have come to this conclusion. My frustration right now is not with the radicals who are out there looting and vandalizing, but with those "normal" people who sit back and let this happen. Fear, apathy, guilt, whatever it may be, I'm beginning to think the COVID lockdown has so sapped the backbone of the American people that they have lost the will to fight back and save America. I'm still hoping this will produce a backlash, like the 60s radicals produced a conservative backlash in the 70s and 80s, but I wonder whether we as a people still have the willpower for a backlash. John A. Eidsmoe, Colonel (MS), Mississippi State Guard Senior Counsel, Foundation for Moral Law

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