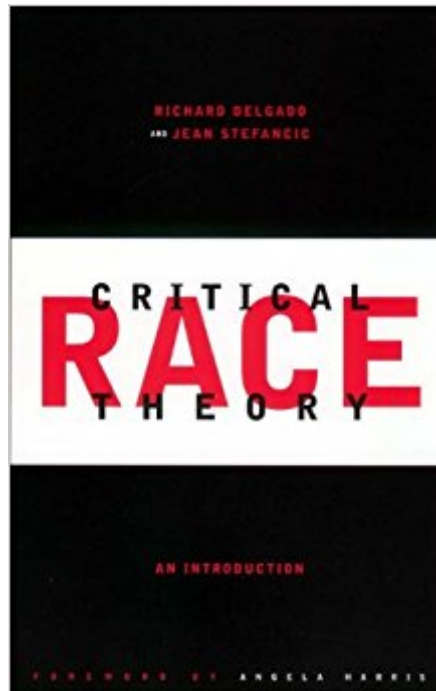


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# Critical Race Theory: An Introduction (Critical America)



## Synopsis

For well over a decade, critical race theory—the school of thought that holds that race lies at the very nexus of American life—has roiled the legal academy. In recent years, however, the fundamental principles of the movement have influenced other academic disciplines, from sociology and politics to ethnic studies and history. And yet, while the critical race theory movement has spawned dozens of conferences and numerous books, no concise, accessible volume outlines its basic parameters and tenets. Here, then, from two of the founders of the movement, is the first primer on one of the most influential intellectual movements in American law and politics.

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Richard Delgado is Professor of Law at Seattle University and has collaborated on four previous books, including *The Latino Condition*, 2d edition (NYU Press, 2010), *The Derrick Bell Reader* (NYU

Press, 2005), *How Lawyers Lose Their Way: A Profession Fails Its Creative Minds*, and *Understanding Words That Wound*. Jean Stefancic is a Research Professor of Law at Seattle University and is the author of many articles and books on civil rights, law reform, social change, including *No Mercy: How Conservative Think Tanks and Foundations Changed America's Social Agenda*.

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The book was as good as I expected it to be.

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If you don't know what the contemporary term "critical race theory" means, this is a good place to start. This is not a book about the theory of "race;" it is a criticism of racial implications in contemporary American culture.

I needed this book for a class and am very thankful to have picked it up. I've since referred it to several colleagues interested in a foundation for Critical Race Theory. Definitely recommend it!

So far, great book. It really makes you think about your own life history and view points on race.

This book will change the way you view race and ethnicity in America. The authors present material and concepts that have come out of critical race theory in a readable format that is accessible to everyone. Although you may be confused about how to pin down precisely what "critical race theory" is (unfortunately, the authors don't really explain the overarching concept very well), you will be exposed to a plethora of new and radical (?) ideas that no other book or class will likely have introduced you to, such as interest convergence, which is the idea that a law will only change in favor of blacks when it is also perceived as being favorable by whites for whites. There are plenty of anecdotes, cases, and questions to keep you on your toes. This book is written in such a way so that any introductory class in history or sociology could utilize the book. I highly recommend it to

professors and instructors of these courses, or to the general reader interested in race in America. Agree or disagree with them, you can't come away from the ideas in this book without thinking, and you'll never look at the legal system in the United States in quite the same way again.

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