

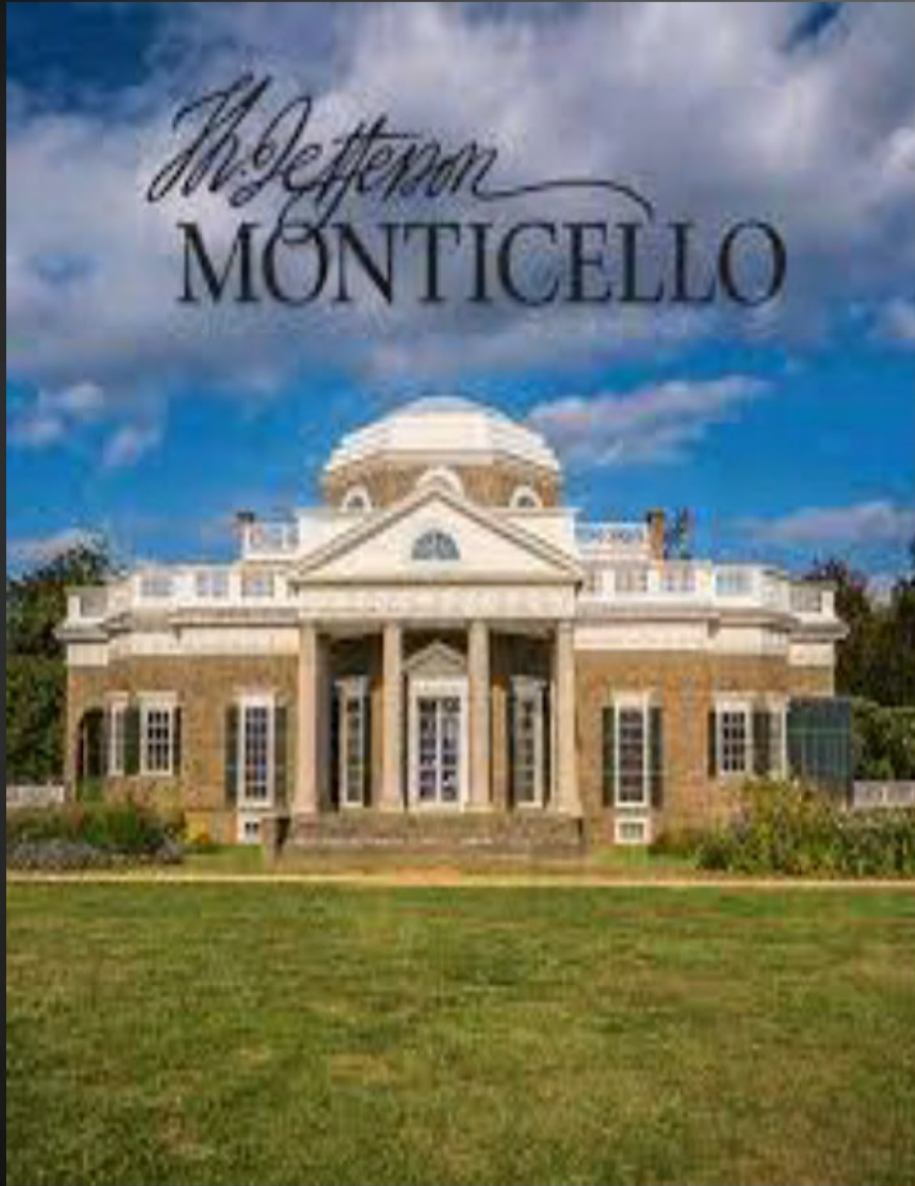
Lesson 28, Beh Sci 362
What is Critical Race Theory?
Why has CRT become so controversial?

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OBJECTIVES

- Define sociological concept of "moral panic" and consider previous historical examples
- Explore the 1619 Project, including historical debates
- Summarize opposing positions on teaching Critical Race Theory
- Overall, ponder the q: how should race/racism in America's history be taught?

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Slavery at Monticello

Thomas Jefferson enslaved over six hundred people throughout his life. Four hundred men, women, and children lived in bondage at Monticello.



The New York Times Magazine The 1619 Project



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 1914
 The New York Times Magazine
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SLAVES!

LONG LIST OF SALE

PLANTATION HANDS

FROM ALABAMA TO THE RESERVE.

BY N. VIGOR AUCTIONEER,
 Office----No. 5 Banks' Arcade Passage, and corner of Conti street and Exchange Alley.

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 1858,

AT 2 O'CLOCK P.M.

Will be sold in the Rotunda of the
ST. JAMES HOTEL,

No. 1. ABSALOM, aged 28 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
 No. 2. NED, aged 45 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed.
 No. 3. TOM, aged about 40 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 4. BILL, aged about 23 years, Plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 5. KING, aged 17 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 6. EDWARD, aged 15 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 7. PULLY, Negress, aged 25 years, No. 1 plantation hand and fair Cook, Washer and Ironer, fully guaranteed.
 No. 8. GEORGE, Griff, aged about 23 years, good plantation hand and carpenter, fully guaranteed.
 No. 9. RICHARD, aged 15 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 10. IRONER, with a good iron, aged 15 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 11. NANCY, aged 6 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.
 No. 12. MARY, aged 1-2 years, plantation hand, fully guaranteed, except having a defect in the right knee.

All of the above slaves are from the State of Alabama and sold under a full guarantee, except where otherwise stated.

ALSO, at the same time and place the following

LIST OF ACCLIMATED SLAVES.

No. 1. JOHN ROY & FRANKLIN

FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AFTER ENSLAVED AFRICANS WERE FIRST BROUGHT TO VIRGINIA, MOST AMERICANS STILL DON'T KNOW THE FULL STORY OF SLAVERY.

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The 1619 Project, published in the New York Times' magazine in August 2019, is a collection of essays and stories that argue that America was not founded in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was adopted, but rather in 1619, the year that enslaved Africans were first brought to the land that became the United States.

- What is at stake in a version of U.S. history that foregrounds the lives and experiences of Black Americans?
- What if the possibility for some Americans to enjoy liberty and prosperity had been predicated on the very denial of those things to other Americans?

Federal Govt. Response: 1776 Commission

- 45 pages, no citations or references

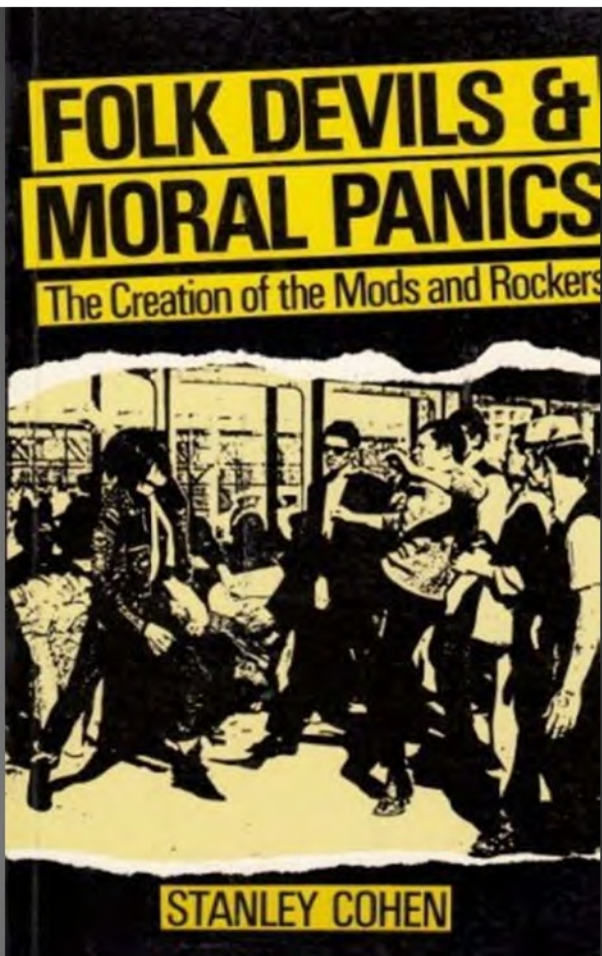


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What is Moral Panic?

- Term framed by sociologist Stanley Cohen in 1972 in book, *Folk Devils and Moral Panics*
- Occurs when a “condition, episode, person or group of persons emerges to become defined as a threat to societal values and interests”



Components of Moral Panic & CRT

- 1. Threat perceived as new but reactivates old suspicions
- 2. Seen as damaging / harbinger of problems to come
- 3. People can “see” but the threat is opaque

Listen:
<https://www.npr.org/2021/07/02/1012696188/how-critical-race-theory-went-from-harvard-law-to-fox-news>



What is CRT?

- Decades-old, graduate level framework
- Rose in response to failures of Civil Rights Movement; that is, why are there still stark racial disparities despite reforms?
- Recognize that race is not biologically reality, but socially constructed and socially significant
- Helps us understand the legacy of racism and how embedded within social institutions
- Sees racism as systemic

Term coined by law Professors Kimberle Crenshaw (Columbia) and Derrick Bell (Harvard)



Anti-CRT Messaging



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Are you wondering if Critical Race Theory is being taught in your child's school? Stay on the lookout for some of CRT's less "buzzworthy" names and language 📌 [#BanCRT](#)

How to identify

CRITICAL RACE THEORY IN THE CLASSROOM

1. CRT - critical race theory or culturally responsive teaching	12. Power structures or racial hierarchies
2. Equity, diversity, and inclusion	13. Normative
3. Cultural/ multi-cultural competence	14. Disparate outcomes or inequity
4. Implicit/ unconscious/ internalized bias	15. Identity
5. Social justice or restorative justice	16. Ally or ally-ship
6. Systemic/ structural/ institutional racism or oppression	17. Afrocentric/ Eurocentric
7. Micro-aggressions	18. Social constructs
8. Anti-racism	19. Black lives matter
9. White privilege/ fragility/ supremacy/ culture/ prejudice	20. Reparation/ liberation
10. CQ - like IQ but cultural intelligence	21. Ethnocentricity
11. Colonialism/ neo-colonialism/ colonizer/ decolonialism	

Think-Pair-Share

- Identify and summarize the arguments against teaching Critical Race Theory (CRT). Then, do the same for the arguments in support of teaching CRT.

CRT at USAFA?

Opinion: I'm a professor at a U.S. military academy. Here's why I teach critical race theory.

(link:

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2021/07/06/military-academies-should-teach-critical-race-theory/>)

GEN Milley's Response to why CRT Should be studied at MSAs:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3uIZ4C3Y0Ng&t=452s>