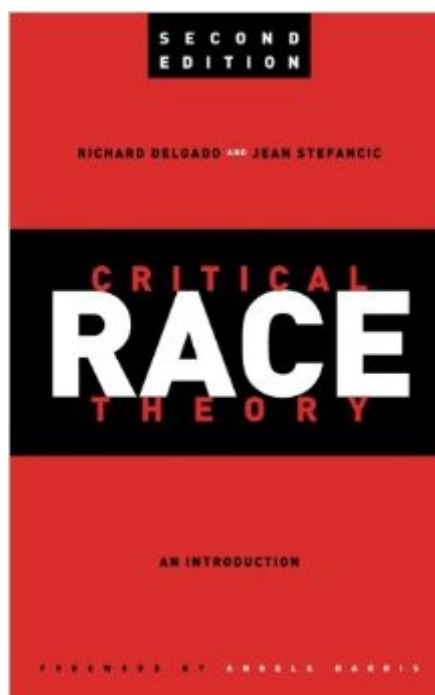


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# Critical Race Theory: An Introduction, Second Edition (Critical America)



## Synopsis

In 2001, Richard Delgado and Jean Stefancic published their definitive *Critical Race Theory*, a compact introduction to the field that explained, in straightforward language, the origins, principal themes, leading voices, and new directions of this important movement in legal thought. Since then, critical race theory has gone on to influence numerous other fields of scholarship, and the Delgado and Stefancic primer has remained an indispensable guide for students and teachers. Delgado and Stefancic have revised the book to include material on key issues such as colorblind jurisprudence, Latino-Critical scholarship, immigration, and the rollback of affirmative action. This second edition introduces readers to important new voices in fields outside of law, including education and psychology, and offers greatly expanded issues for discussion, updated reading lists, and an extensive glossary of terms.

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*Critical Race Theory: An Introduction*, as the title suggests, is intended to be a primer. Critical Race Theory (CRT), "...considers many of the same issues that conventional civil rights and ethnic studies discourses take up, but places them in a broader perspective that includes economics, history, context, group- and self-interest, and even feelings and the unconscious." (p.3). Authors Delgado and Stefancic provide the basic foundation behind the theory as well as explaining some of the principles such as: interest convergence, structural determinism, and [legal] storytelling, to name a few. Also, in the interest of fair-mindedness, one of the later chapters is dedicated to

those with opposing viewpoints and expounds on what that opposition entails. At the conclusion of each chapter, 'classroom exercises', 'questions and comments', and 'suggested readings' are provided for further clarity and analysis. I personally thought the exercises and questions were constructive and thought-provoking; a noble attempt to provide practical application of theory via real-world scenarios.

I think I was expecting a bit more from this book but I had to keep reminding myself that it is an introductory text. I did find issue with most of the questions at the end of the chapters. Aren't lawyers supposed to avoid leading questions? Overall, this is a good starter text if you've no familiarity with CRT. But if you've done any race work at all, it is a bit elementary for you. However, it may fill in some gaps you didn't know were in your knowledge.

Richard Delgado is a law professor at Seattle University and has written numerous books on race and law relations. Jean Stefancic is a professor of research law at Seattle University and focuses research on civil rights, law reform, and social change. This book lays a clear and concise foundation defining critical race theory (CRT) in this 17 part anthology. This book is acclaimed as the indispensable guide for all things that need to be known about critical race theory. CRT started in the 1970s after the realization that the Civil Rights movement had stalled and many legal judgments were beginning to be overruled. The ground breaking work of Derrick Bell and Alan Freeman has propelled CRT into an indispensable theory heavily used to explain the underlying issues of race and class in the United States. While this book has chapters that touch on an array of topics involved with critical race theory, one of the most interesting sections is the section on storytelling, counter storytelling, and naming one's own reality. There are several chapters that deal with race, sex, class and how they intersect with each other. Critical race feminism, criticism and self-analysis of race and class as well as cultural nationalism and separatism also receive exhaustive coverage.

Excellent resource and update on Critical race theory!

A must have-book for addressing historical and contemporary discussions of race and the many sub-sets of critical race theory.

Critical Race Theory emerged from the historical and sociological study of protest movements in the

1960s.From Plantation to Ghetto At the time, I focused on what American Indians were doing, and I was disappointed that Critical Race Theory offers limited material on the Native American Rights Fund.Native American Sovereignty (Native Americans and the Law) However, the book more than makes up for that lack with up-dates of what is happening in feminist movements as well as Asian, African, and Latino activist organizations which are at the same time intellectually analyzing social and political movements.The sophistication and legal backgrounds of the scholars contributing to this book could have made the work tedious and ponderous, but it reads so well that I would recommend it for all ages beginning at the high school level, especially where experienced teachers can add insights and answer questions.ernestschusky.com

Excellent work. Contrary to the negative comments, this book offers a framework for understanding how and why racism pervades society despite our best efforts to educate prejudice out of the public.

If you're new to CRT or need a refresher, I highly recommend this book! It's easy to read. It provides just enough philosophy on CRT from different perspectives without overwhelming a newbie.

Delgado touches on all the major CRT theories and theorists. It's a relatively easy and quick read.

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