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Governor Kay Ivey  
State Capitol  
600 Dexter Avenue  
Montgomery, AL 36130

Dear Governor Ivey,

For decades liberals have used our colleges and universities to indoctrinate students with Marxist/Socialist ideology. Our country is suffering many of its ills today for that reason. We are a nation divided.

Today there are scores of activists whose livelihood hinges on keeping us divided through Critical Race Theory. Critical Race theory is a belief system that teaches our young people a worldview that divides us by skin color. It negates Martin Luther King's principle of "judging people not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." Under Critical Race Theory you are either the oppressed (black) or the oppressors (white).

We have gone from race hustlers Al Sharpton and Jesse Jackson to Ibram Kendi and M. E. Hart. For the flow of money to continue into their pockets they must stoke the flames of racism. Dividing the country through Critical Race Theory has become a billion-dollar industry via corporate programs, lectures, government funding and school curriculum.

According to Dr. Carol M. Swain (former tenured professor at Vanderbilt and Princeton): "In some cases animated videos with messages of white guilt and oppressions shown to middle and high school students create damaging images where whites are taught guilt and minorities are assigned permanent and debilitating victimhood. What critical race theory actually 'accomplishes' is to create anger, frustration, and despondency among persons in the victim categories who internalize the destructive message."

Critical Race Theory proponents fail to mention that not only whites, but blacks, and Native Americans were slaveholders. In his book *History of Black Americans*, scholar Philip Foner provides proof through historical records that blacks did indeed hold slaves, and a few were even prosperous enough to have white indentured servants. As Dr. Swain noted, "There's plenty of guilt to go around."

We are not trying to diminish the flaws in our country's history, but Critical Race Theory's premise that our nation was founded on racism and has not made any progress is false. We

harm ourselves here and abroad by teaching our young people we are a systemically racist country – and – we are playing into the hands of Marxists working to overthrow the American dream available to all our children. *It's ridiculous to claim that a country that twice elected a black president, had a black Secretary of State and black Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, (not to mention the legion of black officeholders in cities and states across the country), is systemically racist!*

You may be aware that Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis recently banned Critical Race Theory from Florida classrooms stating: “Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other isn’t worth a dime of taxpayer money”.

In Virginia, the parents of Thomas Jefferson High School students recently filed a lawsuit opposing Critical Race Theory. It’s not a stretch to believe when parents across the country learn what is happening in their child’s schools; they will do the same. All of this undermines parents’ and taxpayers’ confidence in public education. This doesn’t have to happen in Alabama.

We think it’s important and informative to hear from a black parent on Critical Race Theory, Mr. Harry Jackson (Thomas Jefferson HS parent): “I see it for what it is: a tacit admission that they don’t think Black and Hispanic students have what it takes to compete on merit. That’s not the message my parents gave me; it’s not the message I share with my own children; and it’s not a message we should be sending to other children jut to save our consciences”.

This toxic race theory helps no one! It certainly does not help students of color reach their full potential nor does it raise their reading, math and science proficiency scores. It does not help them become productive citizens that will be able to support themselves and raise the next generation. It will, however, make some students resentful and angry and cause conflict between black and white students. We believe the time to act is now before Critical Race Theory poisons the minds of Alabama’s children and creates a furor within this state as it has in others.

Gov. Ivey, we would be grateful for a meeting with you to discuss which direction Alabama will take on this pivotal issue. Thank you for your kind consideration. We look forward to your reply.

As a matter of fact, since Dr. Carol Swain will be in Birmingham May 10 to speak at a luncheon, we may be able to coordinate a meeting with you on that day or the next. Please let us know!! She was the co-author with Dr. Larry of Hillsdale College of the January 2021 *President’s Advisory 1776 Commission Report*. Of course, we would also be honored if you would like to attend the luncheon detailed below.

Blessings,

Eunie Smith, President      Pat Ellis, VP-Issues      Leslie Whitcomb, Education Chairman

## *Restoring Hope To The American Dream*

### Lunch With Dr. Carol Swain



**WHEN:** Mon. May 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:00PM

**WHERE:** First Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall)  
2209 Lakeshore Dr, Birmingham

**COST:** \$25.00 Seating Limited-RSVP Required

**DETAILS:** Dr. Swain is Coauthor of [1776 Report](#) for The President's Advisory Commission. *"I believe our nation has been exceptional throughout the centuries, because of the wisdom and faith of the Founding Fathers. Their wisdom is found in the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. If America is to survive as a nation, we must rediscover our roots and unite as one people. We must recognize that multiculturalism and identity politics fuels division and divisiveness. As the Bible says, a house divided against itself cannot stand."* Find out More about Dr Swain at [www.CarolMSwain.com](http://www.CarolMSwain.com)

For a preview of a part of her story, see [here](#).

