



THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

**73<sup>rd</sup> STUDENT SENATE  
Senate Resolution**

**Resolution #: 43**  
**Primary Sponsor: Roy**  
**Co-Sponsor(s): Marcus**

**Whereas:** On June 10th, 2021, the Florida Board of Education adopted a ban on the teaching of Critical Race Theory along with any material from the Pulitzer-Prize winning 1619 Project in any Florida Public Schools, and

**Whereas:** Critical Race Theory is defined as “an academic movement of US civil-rights scholars and activists who seek to critically examine the intersection of race and U.S. law and to challenge mainstream American liberal approaches to racial justice,” and

**Whereas:** Critical Race Theory has existed and been taught in scholarly circles since the 1970s, and

**Whereas:** The new amendment to what can be taught in Florida Public Schools states “Examples of theories that distort historical events and are inconsistent with State Board approve standards include the denial or minimization of the Holocaust, and the teaching of Critical Race Theory,” and

**Whereas:** A purpose of public education in civics and history is to ensure students can become well-educated about how history and the structure of today’s society are connected, therefore,

**Be it resolved by the Seventy-third Student Senate at Florida State University that:** The Seventy-third Student Senate condemns the amendment passed by the Florida Board of Education barring the conversation of critical race theory in Florida’s public schools, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Seventy-third Student Senate shall advocate for the protection of the right of discussion of all historical and social topics/perspectives outside of the denial or minimization of the Holocaust to ensure Florida students have the opportunity access and learn about scholarly topics like Critical Race Theory in public schools freely without governmental overreach, and

**Be it further resolved that:** The Office of Governmental Affairs should add the opposition of the ban on the free teaching of critical race theory to their 2021-2022 Legislative Agenda.

**Be it lastly resolved that:** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Alex Harmon, Student Senate President  
Renee Wang, Student Senate Pro-Tempore  
Nastassia Janvier, Student Body President  
Colbi Thykadavil, Student Body Vice President  
Kahleel Gray, Student Body Treasurer  
Director of the FSU Office of Governmental Affairs immediately upon Senate confirmation  
Dr. Felicia Williams, Director of Student Engagement at FSU  
Tom Grady, Chair of The Florida Board of Education  
Ben Gibson, Vice-Chair of The Florida Board of Education  
Gov. Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida

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*Alexander Harmon*

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Student Senate President

**SENATE VOTE: 30-0-2**  
**PASSED: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021**