

Sen. Jacque: Governor vetoes anti-racism legislation

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MADISON, WI... Ignoring the growing concern of parents over materials being taught in their children's schools, Gov. Evers today vetoed legislation that would prevent the teaching of racist and sexist propaganda such as Critical Race Theory (CRT) which push a false narrative and promote racist indoctrination that does not belong in our classrooms.

State Sen. André Jacque (R-De Pere), co-author of the proposal ([Assembly Bill 411](#)) with Rep. Chuck Wichgers (R-Muskego), said a growing number of school districts are teaching material that employ racism and sexism. Parents from across the state have expressed concern that these lessons are causing psychological distress in students, teaching them that their race - over which they have no control - determines their destiny.

"The Governor's veto of AB 411 makes clear that he is okay with racist and sexist instruction taking place in our classrooms, which is deeply disappointing. No one should have to undergo the humiliation of being told that they are inferior to someone else; we are all members of the human race," Sen. Jacque said. "CRT and its ilk are junk scholarship that erode the legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream that we judge our children and our children's children not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

Sen. Jacque said the measure would not stop the teaching of history, only the attachment of ideology and promotion of division by insisting that racism or gender can and must explain every possible human interaction in today's society.

"The concept that the United States is fundamentally racist or sexist and that any individual, by virtue of his or her race or sex, must therefore be inherently racist,

sexist, or oppressive is fundamentally untrue,” Sen. Jacque said. “It is especially heartbreaking to hear from parents and students of mixed race backgrounds that their children have been told that they should expect to achieve less due to racial discrimination, and that their own family members bear historic guilt for this oppression.”

Last year the National Education Association, the nation’s largest teachers union with more than 3 million members, made waves by formally adopting the position that Critical Race Theory is “reasonable and appropriate” to be included in K-12 curriculum and dedicating funding and staff to spreading its use.

Senator André Jacque represents Northeast Wisconsin’s First Senate District, consisting of Door and Kewaunee Counties and portions of Brown, Calumet, Manitowoc, and Outagamie counties.