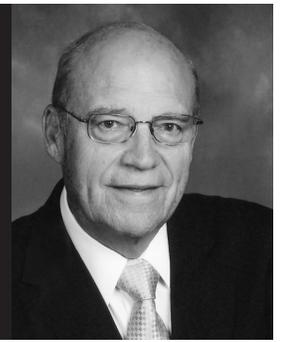




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Critical Race Theory

by Christopher F. Rufo

Critical race theory is an academic discipline, formulated in the 1990s, built on the intellectual framework of identity-based Marxism. Relegated for many years to universities and obscure academic journals, over the past decade it has increasingly become the default ideology in our public institutions. It has been injected into government agencies, public school systems, teacher training programs, and corporate human resources departments in the form of diversity training programs, human resources modules, public policy frameworks, and school curricula.

There are a series of euphemisms deployed by its supporters to describe critical race theory, including “equity,” “social justice,” “diversity and inclusion,” and “culturally responsive teaching.” Critical race theorists, masters of language construction, realize that “neo-Marxism” would be a hard sell. *Equity*, on the other hand, sounds non-threatening and is easily confused with the American principle of *equality*. But the distinction is vast and important. Indeed, equality—the principle proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence, defended in the Civil War, and codified into law with the 14th and 15th Amendments, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Voting Rights Act of 1965—is explicitly rejected by critical race theorists. To them, equality represents “mere nondiscrimination” and provides “camouflage” for white supremacy, patriarchy, and oppression.

In contrast to equality, equity as defined and promoted by critical race theorists is little more than reformulated Marxism. In the name of equity, UCLA Law Professor and critical race theorist Cheryl Harris has proposed suspending private property rights, seizing land and wealth, and redistributing them along racial lines. Critical race guru Ibram X. Kendi, who directs the Center for Antiracist Research at Boston University, has proposed the creation of a federal Department of Antiracism. This department would be independent of (i.e., unaccountable to) the elected branches of government, and would have the power to nullify, veto, or abolish any law at any level of government and curtail the speech of political leaders and others who are deemed insufficiently “antiracist.”

One practical result of the creation of such a department would be the overthrow of capitalism, since according to Kendi, “In order to truly be antiracist, you also have to truly be anti-capitalist.” In other words, identity is the means and Marxism is the end.

An equity-based form of government would mean the end not only of private property, but also of individual rights, equality under the law, federalism, and freedom of speech. These would be replaced by race-based redistribution of wealth, group-based rights, active discrimination, and omnipotent bureaucratic authority. Historically, the accusation of “anti-Americanism” has been overused. But in this case, it’s not a matter of interpretation—critical race theory prescribes a revolutionary program that would overturn the principles of the Declaration and destroy the remaining structure of the Constitution.

HOW IT WORKS

What does critical race theory look like in practice? Last year, I authored a series of reports focused on critical race theory in the federal government. The FBI was holding workshops on intersectionality theory. The Department of Homeland Security was telling white employees they were committing “microinequities” and had been “socialized into oppressor roles.” The Treasury Department held a training session telling staff members that “virtually all white people contribute to racism” and that they must convert “everyone in the federal government” to the ideology of “antiracism.” And the Sandia National Laboratories, which designs America’s nuclear arsenal, sent white male executives to a three-day reeducation camp, where they were told that “white male culture” was analogous to the “KKK,” “white supremacists,” and “mass killings.” The executives were then forced to renounce their “white male privilege” and write letters of apology to fictitious women and people of color.

This year, I produced another series of reports focused on critical race theory in education. In Cupertino, California, an elementary school forced first-graders to deconstruct their racial and sexual identities, and rank themselves according to their “power and privilege.” In Springfield, Missouri, a middle school forced teachers to locate themselves on an “oppression matrix,” based on the idea that straight, white, English-speaking, Christian males are members of the

oppressor class and must atone for their privilege and “covert white supremacy.” In Philadelphia, an elementary school forced fifth-graders to celebrate “Black communism” and simulate a Black Power rally to free 1960s radical Angela Davis from prison, where she had once been held on charges of murder. And in Seattle, the school district told white teachers that they are guilty of “spirit murder” against black children and must “bankrupt [their] privilege in acknowledgement of [their] thieved inheritance.”

I’m just one investigative journalist, but I’ve developed a database of more than 1,000 of these stories. When I say that critical race theory is becoming the operating ideology of our public institutions, it is not an exaggeration—from the universities to bureaucracies to K-12 school systems, critical race theory has permeated the collective intelligence and decision-making process of American government, with no sign of slowing down.

This is a revolutionary change. When originally established, these government institutions were presented as neutral, technocratic, and oriented towards broadly-held perceptions of the public good. Today, under the increasing sway of critical race theory and related ideologies, they are being turned against the American people. This isn’t limited to the permanent bureaucracy in Washington, D.C., but is true as well of institutions in the states, even in red states, and it is spreading to county public health departments, small Midwestern school districts, and more. This ideology will not stop until it has devoured all of our institutions.

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

No longer simply an academic matter, critical race theory has become a tool of political power. To borrow a phrase from the Marxist theoretician Antonio Gramsci, it is fast achieving “cultural hegemony” in America’s public institutions. More and more, it is driving the vast machinery of the state and society. If we want to succeed in opposing it, we must address it politically at every level.

Critical race theorists must be confronted with and forced to speak to the facts. Do they support public schools separating first-graders into groups of “oppressors” and “oppressed”? Do they support mandatory curricula teaching that “all white people play a part in perpetuating systemic racism”? Do they support public schools instructing white parents to become “white traitors” and advocate for “white abolition”? Do they want those who work in government to be required to undergo this kind of reeducation? How about managers and workers in corporate America? How about the men and women in our military? How about every one of us?

There are three parts to a successful strategy to defeat the forces of critical race theory: governmental action, grassroots mobilization, and an appeal to principle.

We already see examples of governmental action. Last year, one of my reports led President Trump to issue an executive order banning critical race theory-based training programs in the federal government. President Biden rescinded this order on his first day in office, but it provides a model for governors and municipal leaders to follow. This year, several state legislatures have introduced bills to achieve the same goal: preventing public institutions from conducting programs that stereotype, scapegoat, or demean people on the basis of race. And I have organized a coalition of attorneys to file lawsuits against schools and government agencies that impose critical race theory-based programs on grounds of the First Amendment (which protects citizens from compelled speech), the Fourteenth Amendment (which provides equal protection under the law), and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (which prohibits public institutions from discriminating on the basis of race).

On the grassroots level, a multiracial and bipartisan coalition is emerging to do battle against critical race theory. Parents are mobilizing against racially divisive curricula in public schools and employees are increasingly speaking out against Orwellian reeducation in the workplace. When they see what is happening, Americans are naturally outraged that critical race theory promotes three ideas—race essentialism, collective guilt, and neo-segregation—which violate the basic principles of equality and justice. Anecdotally, many Chinese-Americans have told me that having survived the Cultural Revolution in their former country, they refuse to let the same thing happen here.

In terms of principles, we need to employ our own moral language rather than allow ourselves to be confined by the categories of critical race theory. For example, we often find ourselves debating “diversity.” Diversity as most of us understand it is generally good, all things being equal, but it is of secondary value. We should be talking about and aiming at *excellence*, a common standard that challenges people of all backgrounds to achieve their potential. On the scale of desirable ends, excellence beats diversity every time.

Similarly, in addition to pointing out the dishonesty of the historical narrative on which critical race theory is predicated, we must promote the true story of America—a story that is honest about injustices in American history, but that places them in the context of our nation’s high ideals and the progress we have made towards realizing them. Genuine American history is rich with stories of achievements and sacrifices that will move the hearts of Americans—in stark contrast to the grim and pessimistic narrative pressed by critical race theorists.

Above all, we must have courage—the fundamental virtue required in our time. Courage to stand and speak the truth. Courage to withstand epithets. Courage to face the mob. Courage to shrug off the scorn of the elites. When enough of us overcome the fear that currently

prevents so many from speaking out, the hold of critical race theory will begin to slip. And courage begets courage. It's easy to stop a lone dissenter; it's much harder to stop 10, 20, 100, 1,000, 1,000,000, or more who stand up together for the principles of America.

Truth and justice are on our side. If we can muster the courage, we will win.

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45 Goals to Victory

by Kevin Downey, Jr.

The 1958 book by Cleon Skousen, *The Naked Communist*, set forth 45 goals communists need to achieve to take over the United States without firing a shot. Some of them are outdated and immaterial. Some are debatable. Let's see how many commie goals have been achieved.

7. Grant recognition of Red China. Admission of Red China to the UN.

DONE. The United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 made Communist China a member of the UN. Today, China is one of five permanent members.

15. Capture one or both of the political parties in the United States.

DONE. Communists were once hunted in the US. Today, Democrats like Bernie, AOC, and the Squad, with ideas that are clearly socialist, if not communist, are re-elected with ease.

17. Get control of the schools. Use them as transmission belts for socialism and current Communist propaganda. Soften the curriculum. Get control of teachers' associations. Put the party line in textbooks.

DONE. Marxism has been in our schools for a while now, as pointed out brilliantly by *Townhall's* Marina Medvin. Common Core is right out of the Stalin playbook. CRT is just the next step.

18. Gain control of all student newspapers

DONE. Fox News reported just one year ago that Republicans are looking into China's influence on American universities overall, though not specifically student newspapers. A professor and two Chinese nationals were arrested at Harvard last year. The Chinese siege of our colleges and universities is underway.

20. Infiltrate the press. Get control of book-review assignments, editorial writing, policymaking positions.

DONE. CNN, MSNBC, CBS, NBC, ABC. Need I say more? Not to mention China spending millions on propaganda in our newspapers.

21. Gain control of key positions in radio, TV, and motion pictures.

DONE. Actor John Cena JUST kissed commie a** regarding the promotion of his newest movie after saying that Taiwan is a country. Not to mention 127 TV show episodes promoting Marxist BLM propaganda.

22. Continue discrediting American culture by degrading all forms of artistic expression. An American Communist cell was told to "eliminate all good sculpture from parks and buildings, substitute shapeless, awkward and meaningless forms."

HALF-DONE. 113 statues have been toppled, defaced, or removed, though no shapeless, awkward, meaningless commie pinko forms have replaced them yet.

24. Eliminate all laws governing obscenity by calling them "censorship" and a violation of free speech and free press.

DONE. I think we all know Pornhub is free and has whatever your creepy heart desires.

26. Present homosexuality, degeneracy, and promiscuity as "normal, natural, healthy."

DONE. Never mind homosexuality, I believe that is normal. However, in a ghastly attempt to normalize pedophilia, pederasts are trying to rebrand themselves as "MAPs" (minor-attracted persons) and are attempting to attach themselves to the LGBT movement. If you think this can't happen down the road ask yourself this: did you ever think there would come a time when the country would argue about where a man in a dress can relieve himself?

27. Infiltrate the churches and replace revealed religion with "social" religion. Discredit the Bible and emphasize the need for intellectual maturity, which does not need a "religious crutch."

HALF-DONE. Whether or not communism has infiltrated our churches is up for debate. What can't be argued is that Christians have been scorned and branded as "stupid" for believing in a "bearded guy in the clouds." The left considers the Bible to be a book of fiction and questions the intelligence of people who believe in it.

28. Eliminate prayer or any phase of religious expression in the schools on the grounds that it violates the principle of "separation of church and state."

DONE. Students may pray privately, however, school-sponsored prayer was banned by the Supreme Court in 1962, four years after the release of *The Naked Communist*. SCOTUS ruled school-sponsored prayer violated the First Amendment.

29. Discredit the American Constitution by calling it inadequate, old-fashioned, out of step with modern needs, a hindrance to cooperation between nations on a worldwide basis.

IN PROGRESS. All we've heard from the left this past year is that the Constitution was written by "racist, white men" and needs to be updated if not discarded. The lefty attacks on the Constitution occur on a near-daily basis.

30. Discredit the American Founding Fathers. Present them as selfish aristocrats who had no concern for the “common man.”

DONE. Even Hillary Clinton jumped on the apparatchik bandwagon and said the Founding Fathers were racist and sexist.

32. Support any socialist movement to give centralized control over any part of the culture—education, social agencies, welfare programs, mental health clinics, etc.

DONE. Which of these HAVEN’T been centralized? Also, Sen. Chuck Schumer tweets calls for student-debt forgiveness once a month. It’s working. Even NBC can see that millennials are all for socialism.

38. Transfer some of the powers of arrest from the police to social agencies. Treat all behavioral problems as psychiatric disorders that no one but psychiatrists can understand [or treat].

DONE. You mean defund the police and send social service people to investigate crime instead?

40. Discredit the family as an institution. Encourage promiscuity and easy divorce.

DONE. BLM recently deleted this from its website, “We disrupt the Western-prescribed nuclear family structure requirement by supporting each other as extended families and “villages” that collectively care for one another, especially our children, to the degree that mothers, parents, and children are comfortable.”

42. Create the impression that violence and insurrection are legitimate aspects of the American tradition; that students and special-interest groups should rise up and use “united force” to solve economic, political, or social problems.

DONE. We’ve watched BLM and their sisters in Antifa burn our cities for over a year since the death of George Floyd, and we watched them get away with it.

If you’re counting, that’s 17 pinko goals that have already been achieved. We can debate the others, and we should, soon, because the Marxists are succeeding at an alarming rate.

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US Military and Social Justice

by Andrea Widburg

When I think of the United States military achieving significant and historic things, my mind turns to its skill as a fighting force. I think of new weapons, extraordinary physical accomplishments, successful battle outcomes, or unusually low numbers of training fatalities. What I don’t think of is the incredible excitement that comes with the United States Navy’s first all openly gay helicopter crew, complete with a rainbow flag to hang on the copter, a story that broke last week but that I somehow missed until now.

This is not meant to challenge the notion of gays in the military *per se*. As it happens, because I lived and worked in San Francisco for decades, many of my friends were gay and a large number of them were ex-military. Some had been kicked out; most had been honorably discharged. When I asked one friend why he’d enlisted, he told me, “It was a dream for me to be around all these buff men.” That friend died at 32 after he contracted AIDS at an orgy.

Unbeknownst to many people, one of the most important people in the Continental Army during the American Revolution was an openly gay German man, Baron Friedrich von Steuben. He trained American troops in Prussian discipline, helping to create the professional fighting cadre George Washington so desperately needed. Both Benjamin Franklin, who recommended von Steuben to Washington, and Washington himself knew that von Steuben was gay. They didn’t care. What they cared about was that he did his job.

What’s happened with our modern military, though, especially the Navy, is that a lot of the job seems to be being gay. That is, it wasn’t about making sure not to bypass otherwise highly qualified people. Instead, for the leftists, opening the military to gays and lesbians was the thin edge of the wedge in the military’s social justice transformation.

The military now incessantly celebrates homosexuality. Most recently, it allowed its first “all-gay” helicopter crew to use their helicopter and uniforms for a gay pride moment.

The military, including the academies, is all-in on homosexuality, with support groups, outreach, photos, flags, etc. None of this, of course, has anything to do with military readiness.

Having gotten gays in, the leftists next brought in transgender troops. Trump put a stop to it, only to have Biden instantly reinstate the policy. Now, taxpayers are on the hook for so-called sex-change surgery—which is, in reality, plastic surgery that mutilates the body and can come with profound physical challenges. In addition, hormone treatment that fills a body with biologically incorrect hormones also creates serious health risks. And

then there's that tragically high suicide rate, something that doesn't go away when they enlist. None of this contributes to military fitness.

Having gotten gays and transgender people into the military so that they could feel good about themselves, the next step was to move women into the front lines of battle. The only way the military can achieve this is to lower standards for men because only the most anomalous women are capable of meeting the male standards.

One of the anomalous women who was able to meet the male fitness standards has stated the obvious: it will put the military "mission at risk." That means more dead Americans, fewer dead enemies.

The latest issue in the social justice transformation of the military is to insert Critical Race Theory into the military. This is the toxic idea that white skin automatically means a person is simultaneously genetically inferior and an all-powerful oppressor. (No one explains how inferior, demelanated people have been so successful at oppressing the more serious melanin-rich races but whatever.) Unit cohesion cannot survive open racism and a military without cohesion is just a lot of people who've become fish in a barrel for the enemy's guns.

While I'm sure those four men on a helicopter are thrilled that they can have their gay kaffeeklatsches between flights and while I sincerely hope that they're qualified for the job on grounds other than sexuality, I deplore the way the military has moved gay sexuality front and center, instead of leaving it in the background where everybody's sexuality belongs for a job as serious as defending America in the event of war. And as a reminder, even while Biden's military is quickly becoming an expensive version of a college dormitory, the Chinese are very open about the fact that they are working to toughen their boys because they worry that they are too effeminate. If these two troops clash, I don't think social justice b**** slapping and cancel culture are going to be very effective against a Chinese military trained to win wars.

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Green Energy and Rare Minerals

by Thomas Lifson

A prestigious intergovernmental organization created by the world's advanced economies is pointing out the bottleneck in the plans to substitute so-called green energy for hydrocarbon-based energy: the availability of key minerals necessary for battery

storage, wind farms, solar panels, and other gizmos necessary for the switchover. Simply put: the world can't provide the quantity of those minerals that would be necessary, and the environmental and social impact of trying to mine them in sufficient quantities would be devastating.

The cure, in other words, is worse than the disease.

The International Energy Agency is an intergovernmental organization founded by the OECD [Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development] in the wake of the 1973 oil crisis to provide information and policy suggestions to help the advanced economies cope with energy needs. It currently is focused on the green energy transition so desired by many of the world's most powerful special interests.

The report on minerals is part of a larger project on the green energy transition. Mark P. Mills cites some of its most important findings in the *Wall Street Journal*.

The IEA assembled a large body of data about a central, and until now largely ignored, aspect of the energy transition: It requires mining industries and infrastructure that don't exist. Wind, solar, and battery technologies are built from an array of "energy transition minerals," or ETMs, that must be mined and processed. The IEA finds that with a global energy transition like the one President Biden envisions, demand for key minerals such as lithium, graphite, nickel, and rare-earth metals would explode, rising by 4,200%, 2,500%, 1,900% and 700%, respectively, by 2040.

The world doesn't have the capacity to meet such demand. As the IEA observes, albeit in cautious bureaucratese, there are no plans to fund and build the necessary mines and refineries. The supply of ETMs is entirely aspirational. And if it were pursued at the quantities dictated by the goals of the energy transition, the world would face daunting environmental, economic, and social challenges, along with geopolitical risks.

When honest grownups take a close look at the plans being offered—even by serious governments (The UK and California, for instance, plan a complete phase out of gasoline powered cars) and companies (GM plans to go all-electric vehicles)—they notice that practical considerations rule them out. Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota, for instance,

...criticized what he described as excessive hype over electric vehicles, saying advocates failed to consider the carbon emitted by generating electricity and the costs of an EV transition.

Toyota President Akio Toyoda said Japan would run out of electricity in the summer if all cars were running on electric power. The infrastructure needed to support a fleet consisting entirely of EVs would cost Japan between ¥14

trillion and ¥37 trillion, the equivalent of \$135 billion to \$358 billion, he said.

“When politicians are out there saying, ‘Let’s get rid of all cars using gasoline,’ do they understand this?” Mr. Toyoda said Thursday [December 10, 2020] at a year-end news conference in his capacity as chairman of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association.

Other elements of the green energy transition run into impossible-to-overcome obstacles, such as the unavailability of land for solar and wind farms:

Of course, other factors, including the incurable intermittency of renewables as well as the massive amounts of materials, including steel, concrete, copper, and rare earth elements, will limit the deployment of wind and solar. But the biggest barrier is the land-use problem. The ferocity and extent of rural land-use conflicts are showing that any attempt to convert the domestic economy to run solely on renewables is destined to fail.

It is now evident that the plans agreed upon by almost all of the world’s most powerful institutions, from governments, to corporations, to media and academia, are flawed to point of impossibility. Meanwhile, China merrily chugs along building coal-fired electric generation stations and putting out more CO2 increases than the rest of the world combined. If one asks the classic question about this green new deal plans, “cui bono?” (“who benefits?”), the answer is first and foremost China, which is hobbling its economic rivals, the advanced industrial economies, followed by “rent-seekers” (aka, grifters) who gain subsidies and loan guarantees for their schemes that often (Solyndra and Tonopah for instance) spectacularly fail to deliver on their promises.

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Evangelical Lutheran Church Goes South

by Fay Voshell

In 251 A.D., a young woman resisted the sexual advances of Quintian, a Roman proconsul. Her resistance cost her a sentence in a local brothel and, eventually, her life. Before she died, she was subjected to tortures that included having her breasts torn off by pinchers. To the end, she refused to give in to the sexual predator who sought to force her to repudiate her Christian faith.

St. Agatha’s endurance despite the tortures inflicted on her, including being deprived of one of the chief markers of her femininity, earned her a spot among the numerous Catholic saints who refused to renounce their

identity in Christ. She believed that her body was the temple of the Holy Spirit. It was not to be violated by rape and by torture that sought to deprive her of her bodily integrity. She is considered an example to follow.

The tortures visited upon St. Agatha have been visited on women for centuries. Until the 19th century, a “breast ripper,” also known as the “Iron Spider,” was used to punish women guilty of sexual transgressions. Removing breasts was a way of destroying a woman’s sexuality—indeed, her womanhood.

Even today, rituals such as breast ironing and female genital mutilation are a means of eliminating women’s identity in order that they become less sexually tempting. Ironically, it is mostly women who inflict such tortures on other women.

In view of the above, it is with great astonishment and anger that both secular and religious women see self-torture as spiritual progress by a branch of the Lutheran church. It is with shock that we see sexual mutilation held up as a positive advance for women—so much so that it is being incorporated into a denomination that once stood for the elevation of women.

We are speaking of the recently appointed bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran church, Megan Rohrer. Rohrer, who identifies with the trans movement, has had her breasts surgically removed and now wishes to be referred to with the preferred pronouns “they” and “them.”

We should feel sorrow for a woman who has chosen to have her breasts cut off. We wonder if Megan was ever told as a little girl that she was loved and treasured as a beautiful child created by God. What happened to cause her effectively to murder her womanhood, to commit a partial suicide of her feminine being? Why did she accept an invented story about transformation into some being other than her womanly self?

We don’t know the answers.

An equally important question is this: how did the Evangelical Lutheran church come to the point where it considered elevation to the position of bishop of a person committed to an ideology ratifying self-mutilation and repudiation of identity as a woman as great progress in the Christian faith? How did Rohrer, now an ordained overseer of the sheep, priest and anointed bishop in the Evangelical Lutheran church, become an appointed representative of Jesus Christ, the Great Physician, who is a healer of bodies and souls?

What gospel message is the Lutheran church preaching when it selects as a pastor a woman who has repudiated the Lutheran doctrine of the human being created *imago dei*, male and female? One can only wonder what Luther himself would have thought about a woman who has voluntarily mutilated herself and who has spurned identification as “she” in favor of “they.” He himself knew about the ineffectiveness of

self-flagellation and extreme bodily harm as a means of attaining salvation. He concluded that salvation came not by torture of the body, but by faith in Christ.

One also can only wonder how someone who holds an indeterminate identity as neither man nor woman and who now holds a position in which “they” are to advise “their” flock in all things spiritual will uphold Christian doctrines concerning human identity and redemption of men and women by the Son of God who is also the Son of Man.

Further, can the Lutheran hierarchy not see that acceptance of the ideology of the trans movement effectively paralyzes the impulse to address abuse of women (and men)? By accepting self-mutilation as a means of progress for women, the trans movement vitiates efforts to curb and to stop mutilations such as female genital mutilation and breast-ironing—just to cite two examples.

A great expenditure of time and energy of Christian missionaries and others concerned about women’s welfare has been aimed at stopping torture of women just for being women will be almost completely nullified by acceptance of trans ideology. The fact is that if women’s self-torture is ratified and the chief indicating markers of their sex are removed, becoming part of routine and accepted medical procedures in an effort to create a facsimile of a “man,” or a “person,” the impetus toward correcting abuses of women is blunted.

After all, the leap from an individual will to self-mutilate to communal will to oppress and torture women is not a big one. Most human rights activists are familiar with social networks that openly support practices such as female genital mutilation.

How many in the Lutheran church recognize how utterly anti-woman (and anti-male) the trans movement is? There is a reason we don’t hear much about female genital mutilation from trans activists. It’s because drugging with hormones and bodily mutilation are pillars of the ideology, which overwhelmingly affects women. In fact, the trans movement could be said to be the modern idealization of the Aristotelian notion that women are intrinsically deformed and the male is the ideal.

The main issues, then, do not primarily include consideration of Megan Rohrer’s feelings about herself. As Glenn Stanton pointed out in his article in the *The Federalist*, “Megan, as a person, deserves absolute compassion and care for her deep psychological and emotional pain.” But Christian sainthood is not based on psychological indeterminacy and personal pain. It is based on faith in Christ.

Luther never repudiated the divine origin of the human race as created male and female in the image of God. He retained the Christian belief that the body as well as the soul is redeemed and will be transfigured. The only person who will bear the saving

marks of mutilation will be Jesus Christ, not those he came to seek and to save.

The trans message is not Lutheran. It is not Catholic. It is not Eastern Orthodox. It is not Southern Baptist or Reformed theology of the body.

In a word, it is not Christian.

Christians believe in the resurrection of the body, which is to become like Christ’s body, glorified and made to dwell eternally in Heaven. Let the world posit malformation, deformation, torture, and even the sale of the body as a transformative and beautiful thing, a wonderful thing. Christians must have none of it.

Christians must feel the same revulsion toward the elevation of self-mutilation as salvific that they have had toward the practices of burning widows alive, child prostitution, slavery, female genital mutilation, and sex trafficking.

As the Lutheran confessions state, “God created us body and soul. The Son redeemed both body and soul with His blood. The Spirit sanctified both body and soul by the Gospel. And, on the Last Day, our bodies and souls shall be reunited to live immortal, imperishable lives in bliss forever.”

Those confessions also reject attempts to annihilate human identity, also refusing “the teaching that the resurrection should be conceived in such a way as to exclude the body (in effect the Gnostic heresy that matter is essentially evil and that only the ‘spirit’ is capable of being saved).”

Christians believe in the salvation of body and soul by Christ. He is the only Person who for all eternity will have visible scars indicating he was wounded for the transgressions of mankind.

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Ivermectin Examined

by James V. DeLong

Dr. Pierre Kory and his colleagues at the Front Line COVID-19 Critical Care Alliance (FLCCC) are leading an effort to assess the effectiveness of ivermectin as a prophylactic against and treatment for COVID and to communicate to the public the mounting evidence of its efficacy. (Ivermectin is well known as an anti-parasitic, and millions of doses are distributed annually in complete safety.)

Kory recently published two important papers.

The first, in the May–June issue of the peer-reviewed *American Journal of Therapeutics*, is “Review of the Emerging Evidence Demonstrating the Efficacy of Ivermectin in the Prophylaxis and Treatment of COVID-19.” Its conclusions, backed by rigorous consideration of bountiful evidence, are as follows:

Meta-analyses based on 18 randomized controlled treatment trials of ivermectin in COVID-19 have found large, statistically significant reductions in mortality, time to clinical recovery, and time to viral clearance. Furthermore, results from numerous controlled prophylaxis trials report significantly reduced risks of contracting COVID-19 with regular use of ivermectin. Finally, the many examples of ivermectin distribution campaigns leading to rapid population-wide decreases in morbidity and mortality indicate that an oral agent effective in all phases of COVID-19 has been identified.

The second paper, posted on the FLCCC website on May 12, is “FLCCC Alliance Statement on the Irregular Actions of Public Health Agencies and the Widespread Disinformation Campaign Against Ivermectin.” Its subject is the refusal of most public health authorities (PHAs), and particularly the WHO, to address honestly the evidence supporting the use of ivermectin. Its point:

The . . . FLCCC and other ivermectin researchers have repeatedly offered expert analyses to respectfully correct and rebut the PHA recommendations, based on our deep study and rapidly accumulated expertise “in the field” on the use of ivermectin to treat COVID-19. These rebuttals were publicized and provided to international media for the education of providers and patients across the world. Our most recent response to the European Medicines Agency (EMA) and others recommendation against use can be found on the FLCCC website.

In February 2021, the British Ivermectin Recommendation Development (BIRD), [<https://bird-group.org>] an international meeting of physicians, researchers, specialists, and patients, followed a guideline development process consistent with the WHO standard. It reached a consensus recommendation that ivermectin, a verifiably safe and widely available oral medicine, be immediately deployed early and globally. The BIRD group’s recommendation rested in part on numerous, well-documented studies reporting that *ivermectin use reduces the risk of contracting COVID-19 by over 90% and mortality by 68% to 91%*.

A similar conclusion has also been reached by an increasing number of expert groups from the United Kingdom (UK), Italy, Spain, United

States (US), and a group from Japan headed by the Nobel Prize-winning discoverer of Ivermectin, Professor Satoshi Omura. Focused rebuttals that are backed by voluminous research and data have been shared with PHAs over the past months. These include the WHO and many individual members of its guideline development group (GDG), the FDA, and the NIH. However, these PHAs continue to ignore or disingenuously manipulate the data to reach unsupportable recommendations against ivermectin treatment. We are forced to publicly expose what we believe can only be described as a “disinformation” campaign astonishingly waged with full cooperation of those authorities whose mission is to maintain the integrity of scientific research and protect public health.

The following accounting and analysis of the WHO ivermectin panel’s highly irregular and inexplicable analysis of the ivermectin evidence supports but one rational explanation: the GDG Panel had a predetermined, nonscientific objective, which is to recommend against ivermectin. This is despite the overwhelming evidence by respected experts calling for its immediate use to stem the pandemic. Additionally, there appears to be a wider effort to employ what are commonly described as “disinformation tactics” in an attempt to counter or suppress any criticism of the irregular activity of the WHO panel.

The evidence is analyzed in the papers, but, following the adage that one graph is worth many words, a graph of Mexico’s experience using ivermectin can be found [[at trialsitenews.com](http://trialsitenews.com).]

The psychological barriers to accepting FLCCC’s analyses are strong because it strains credulity to believe that the public health authorities, Big Pharma, and our political overlords are so divorced from reality and morality as to reject a well known and quite safe life-saving drug. But a great deal of current public policy, ranging from climate change to gender identity to election integrity to foreign policy, bears little connection to reality, and the powers that be are under heavy financial and reputational pressure to deny ivermectin.

So one should read the papers and decide for oneself.
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