

## Inherent Racism of Racism

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New Hampshire bans public school teachers from telling kids they're inherently racist or oppressive because of unchosen traits like skin color.

Some lawmakers [want to overturn](#) the ban.

The debated law, [Right to Freedom from Discrimination in Public Workplaces and Education](#), is imperfect. But we live in a world where some taxpayer-funded educators, inspired by



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noxious doctrines like [critical race theory](#), are eager to accuse students of being inherently racist or sexist or oppressive.

Obviously, though, moral wrongdoing is something chosen. One doesn't commit it merely by having a certain hue, gender, or ancestors.

So how can one reasonably object to a provision

stating that "No government program shall teach [that] an individual, by virtue of his or her age, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, [etc.] is inherently racist, sexist, or oppressive, whether consciously or unconsciously"?

The law itself stresses that it's not to be interpreted as prohibiting discussion of "the historical existence of ideas and subjects" like racism. Nevertheless, critics falsely claim that the law bans classroom discussion of racism as such. And their repeal bill, [HB61](#), seeks not to perfect the current law but to repeal all sections "relative to the right to freedom from discrimination in public workplaces and education."

New Hampshire lawmaker Jim Kofalt rightly reminds proponents of HB61 of the vision of Martin Luther King, a future where his children would "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.