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'Let me be clear: There is no room in our classrooms for things like critical race theory,' the Republican governor told a news conference in Naples. 'Teaching kids to hate their country and to hate each other is not worth one red cent of taxpayer money.'



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According to Purdue University, critical race theory scholarship shows how racism continues to be persuasive and why it denies individuals their constitutional rights.

Last year, then-President Donald Trump, whose support was crucial for DeSantis winning the Governor's Mansion, cracked down on diversity training at federal agencies that employed critical race theory.

Trump branded seminars that employ the theory as 'divisive' and 'anti-American propaganda', tweeting: 'Americans should be taught to take PRIDE in our Great Country, and if you don't there's nothing in it for you!'

Trump's order came after the US spent a summer reckoning over racial injustice in policing and other spheres of American life.

Critics blasted the ban on racial sensitivity training, saying it was more important than ever given the country's social and political climate.

When he took office, Biden signed an executive order reversing the Trump-era policy.



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But DeSantis stood by Trump in his announcement on Wednesday, where he said civics education should lessen the polarization currently in the US by giving everyone a common foundation of values.

'No matter if your family came on the Mayflower or you became a naturalized citizen, these principles belong to you,' DeSantis said.

Under the governor's proposal, teachers who get credentialed in teaching civics would get a \$3,000 bonus.

Some \$16.5million would be devoted to training teachers and principals in civics education. That training would come from civics 'coaches', in-person seminars and virtual learning.

Another \$6.5million would be used for developing partnerships between schools and governments in an effort to get students interested in public service.

## **WHAT IS RACIAL SENSITIVITY TRAINING?**

Diversity and inclusion training is often a requirement for employees working for federal and state governments.

The training sessions - which can take the form of open-dialogue workshops or expert-delivered lectures - aim to make workplaces more 'inclusive' by acknowledging and discussing the different racial and ethnic backgrounds of employees.

The training - which is often expensive - is covered by taxpayer dollars.

In recent years, experts in 'critical race theory' have commonly become called upon to host such training sessions.

During lectures or discussions, the experts ask white employees to grapple with their own racism and pledge to become anti-racists.

One such expert, Howard Ross, has allegedly 'billed the feds more than \$5 million for training since 2006'.

Meanwhile, critical race theorist Robin DiAngelo has also made thousands of dollars discussing 'white racism' and 'white fragility' in lectures given to state and city employees.