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In Debate, Trump Spotlights Controversial “Woke” Indoctrination in the Military

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“In the first debate between **President Donald Trump** and former **Vice President Joe Biden**, there was a discussion of Trump’s September 22 [Executive Order on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping](#).

“This article provides several examples of toxic “**critical race theory**” indoctrination, which are showing up in the **Defense Department** and armed forces, military service academies, and civilian institutions, schools, and colleges nationwide:

- **Elaine Donnelly, *The Federalist*: [The U.S. Military Uses Racist ‘White Privilege’ Materials, and the Next Funding Bill Would Make it Worse](#)**

“President Trump’s [Executive Order](#) directs all government agencies to eliminate critical race theory indoctrination programs, which include ‘*offensive and anti-American race and sex stereotyping and scapegoating.*’

Toxic ‘anti-racist’ ideology nurtures division and resentment by politicizing immutable, skin-deep characteristics. Non-minority participants in CRT instruction must confess their ‘**white privilege**,’ and if a person denies he is racist, that denial is taken as proof that he is, in fact, a racist.

“It is difficult to imagine a more demoralizing course of instruction for soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines, whose survival in combat and mission accomplishment depend on trust and unit cohesion. Patriotism and mutual respect in the ranks are essential in maintaining its **All-Volunteer Force**.

“President Trump’s Executive Order correctly forbids “woke” courses of instruction that cause some individuals to *‘feel discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress on account of his or her race or sex.’*

“The EO also rejects *‘a different vision of America that is grounded in hierarchies based on collective social and political identities rather than in the inherent and equal dignity of every person as an individual.’* (emphasis added)

*“The directive continues, ‘This ideology is rooted in the **pernicious and false belief that America is an irredeemably racist and sexist country**; that some people, simply on account of their race or sex, are oppressors; and that racial and sexual identities are more important than our common status as human beings and Americans.’* (emphasis added)

“Divisive, demoralizing critical race theory indoctrination has no place in military training, colleges, or military service academies. Men and women in our military deserve sound policies that strengthen our military, not weaken it.”

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