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Critical Race Feminist Theory in the 21st Century

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presentation

- ▶ Attacks on CRT
- ▶ What is CRT/CRF really?
- ▶ Examples?
- ▶ Solutions: praxis, coalition building

Why attacks?

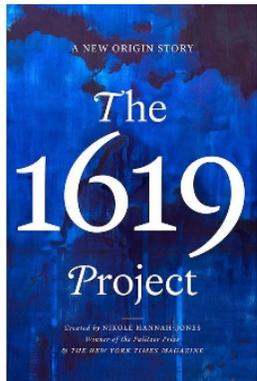


* **White House Executive Order on
Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping**

Sept. 2020

* **reaction to George Floyd death, protests,
actions by academia and Corporate
America**

Opinions: Kim Crenshaw, CRT/CRF founder



- ▶ **“They’ve lumped everything together: critical race theory, the 1619 project, whiteness studies, talking about white privilege. What they have in common is they are discourses that refuse to participate in the lie that America has triumphantly overcome its racist history, that everything is behind us. None of these projects accept that it’s all behind us.”**

We are a society that has been structured from top to bottom by race. You don't get beyond that by deciding not to talk about it anymore. It will always come back; it will always reassert itself over and over again.

KIMBERLÉ CRENSHAW
Civil Rights Lawyer and Critical Race Theory Scholar

HHRC
Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine

Response: More than 20 states want to ban CRT in schools even though the laws may not mention CRT



Overview: What is Critical Race Theory?

- ▶ **Critical Race Theory (CRT) is a progressive movement (within the law originally) that focuses not only on theory, but also on practical legal and political solutions to racism, white privilege, and subordination. It started in the 1980s and has moved to other disciplines such as history, sociology, education, and others.**

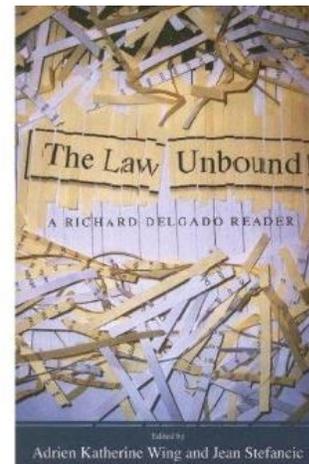
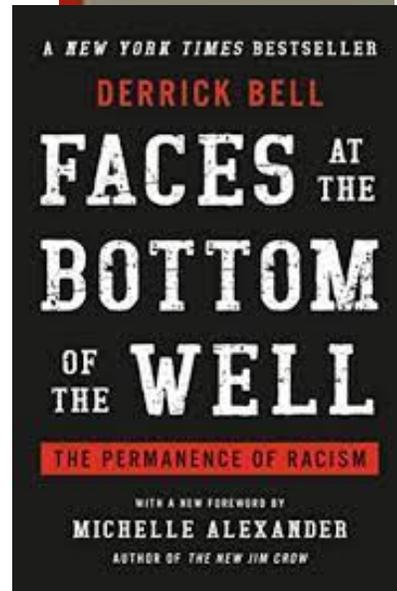
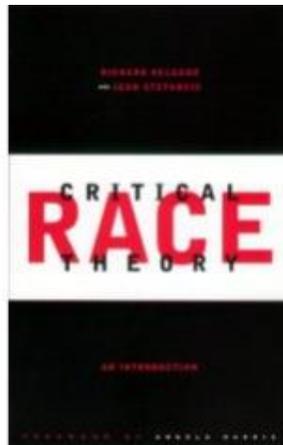
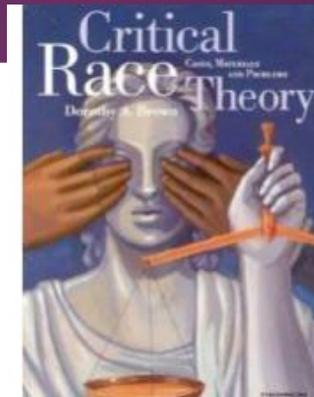
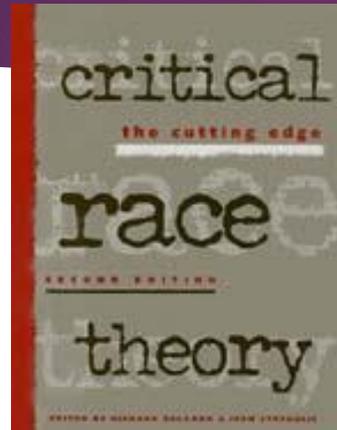
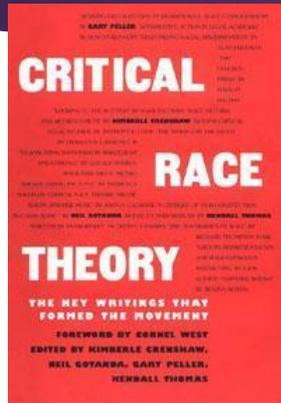
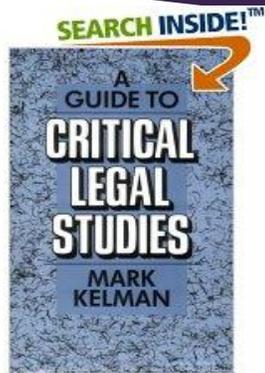
- ▶ CRT recognizes that racism is engrained in the fabric and system of the American society. The individual racist need not exist to note that institutional racism is pervasive in the dominant culture. This is the analytical lens that CRT uses in examining existing power structures. CRT identifies that these power structures are based on white privilege and white supremacy, which perpetuates the marginalization of people of color.



“What’s the matter?
It’s the same distance!”



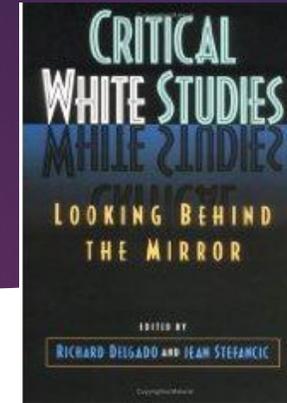
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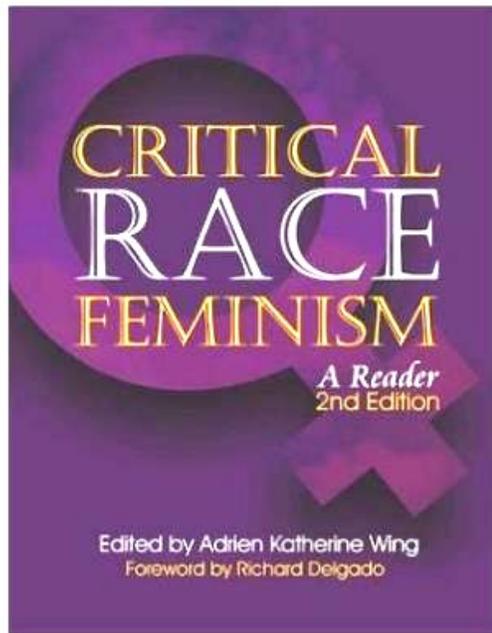
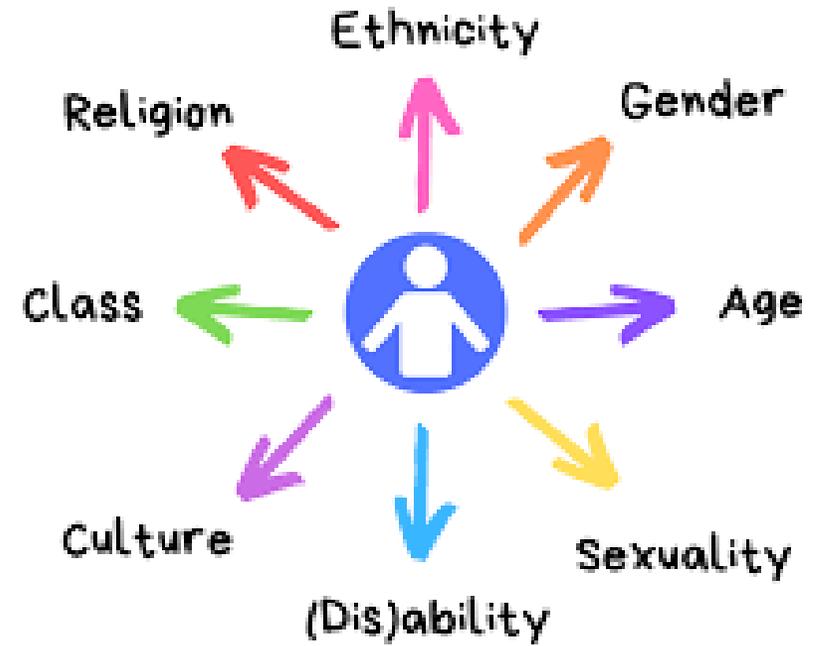
CRT related areas



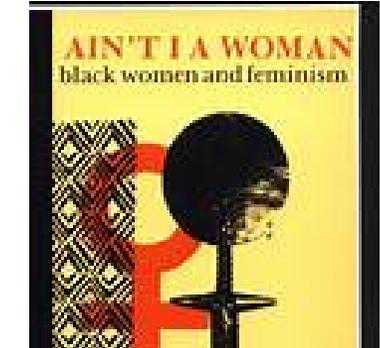
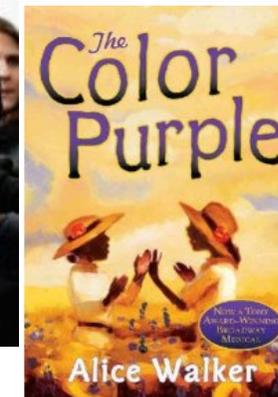
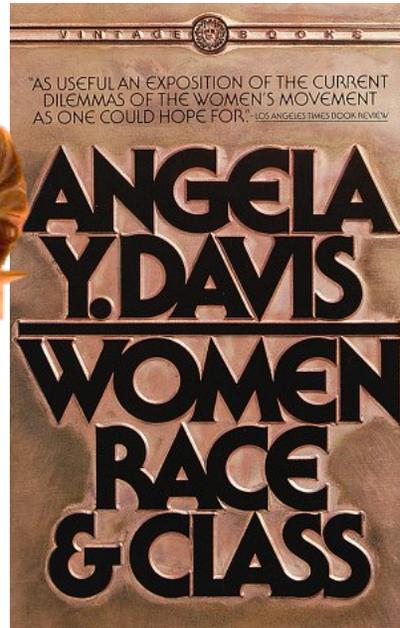
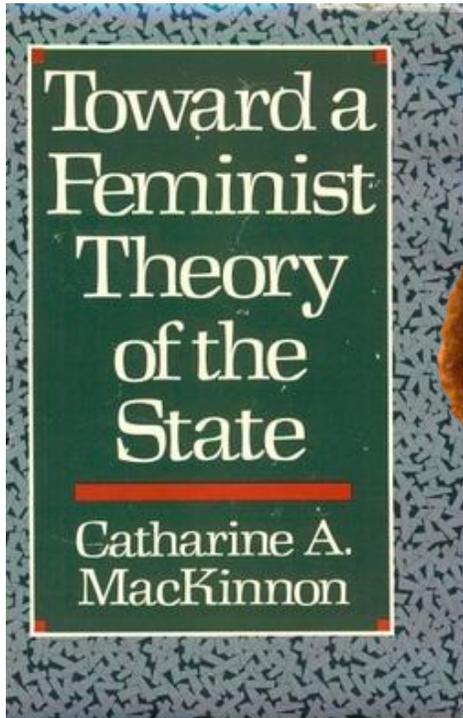
Latinx crit, queer race crit; frank valdez
Critical White Studies: Richard delgado
Indian Crit: Robert Williams
Asian Crit: Robert Chang
E-Crit: Osagie Obasogie
Dis-Crit (Disability): Rabia Belt
Desi-Crit (South Asian): Vinay Harpalani
Critical Race masculinities: Devon
Carbado



Critical Race Feminism— where does it come from?



CRF draws from feminist jurisprudence and women of color outside of law—womanist theory



CRF scholars include professors Mari Matsuda and Angela Harris

- ▶ Looks at the intersection of race and gender and other identities including nationality, ethnicity, color, religion, marital status, class, language status, minority status, age, sexual orientation, disability, and stature (how you look within your culture)
- ▶ The economic situation of women of color (Black, Latina, Asian, Native American, Arab) in our heteropatriarchal world is worse than for white women or men of color, whether they be located in the United States or elsewhere
- ▶ Race intervention in feminist discourse
- ▶ Feminist intervention in race discourse

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The future Justice: Ketanji Brown Jackson

- ▶ Four Black women serve as appeals court judges out of 179 judgeships – all of them older than 65. There are 35 Black female federal district court judges, just more than 5% of the total number of judges.



Examples: Say her name: Breonna Taylor

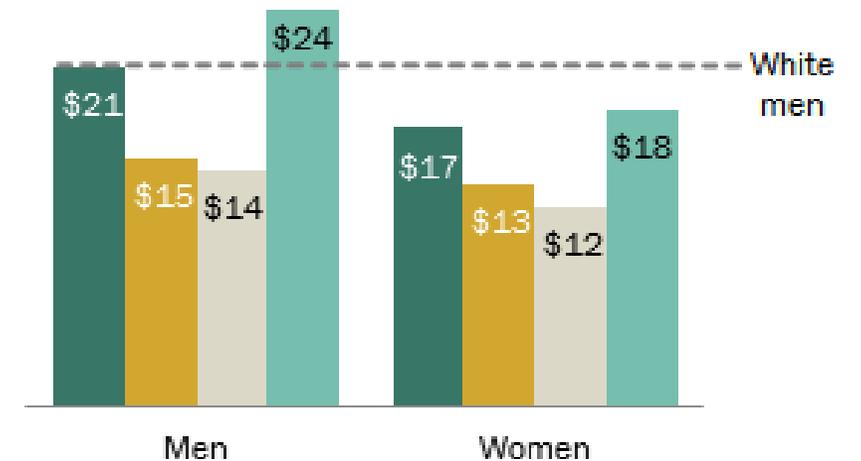
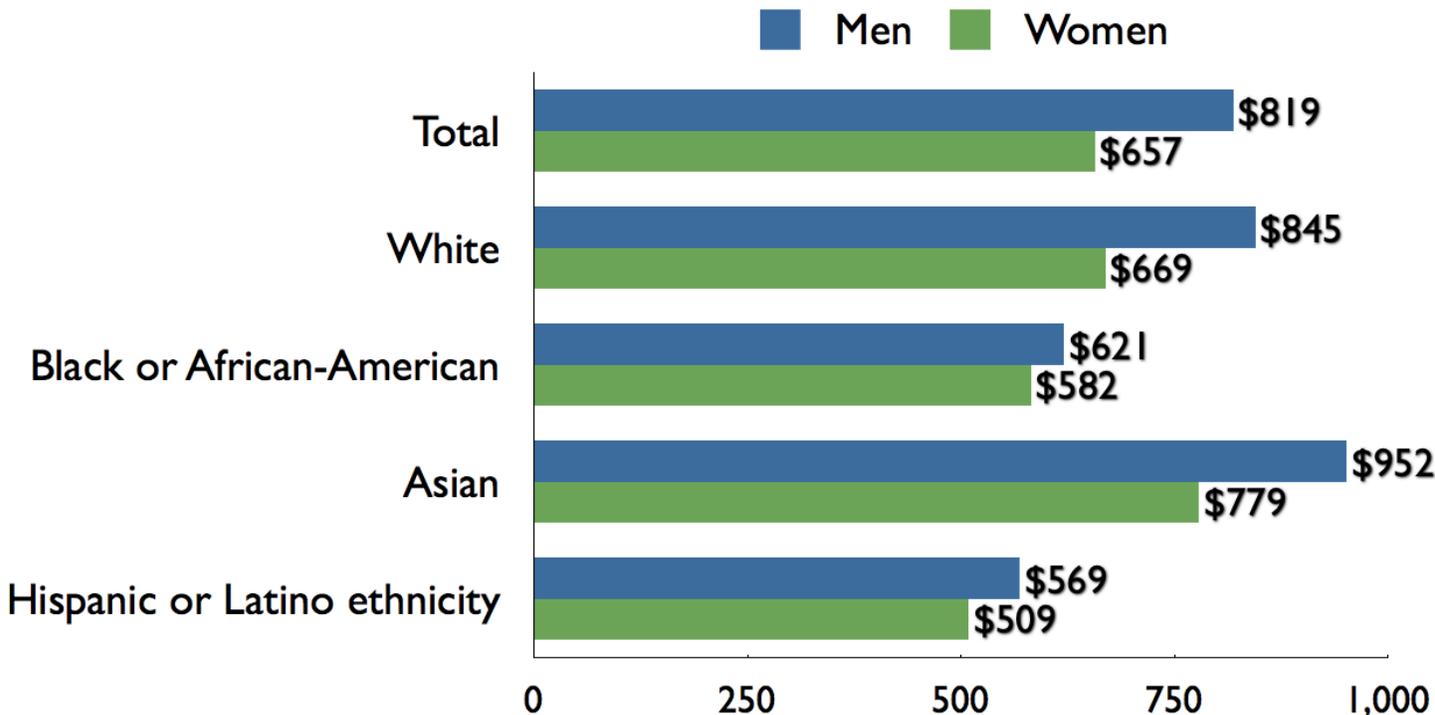


Labor: the Gender Pay Gap

White men had higher hourly earnings than all except Asian men in 2015

Median hourly earnings of men and women from each race/ethnicity

White Black Hispanic Asian

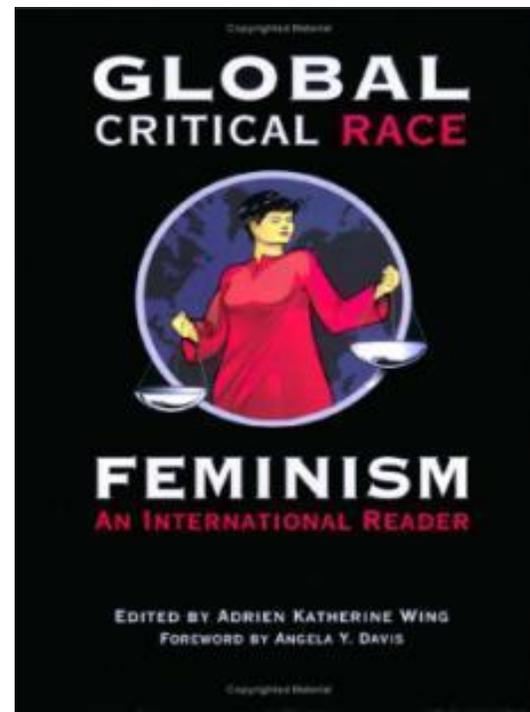


Note: Figures are rounded to the nearest dollar. Based on civilian, non-institutionalized, full- or part-time workers with positive earnings. Self-employed workers are excluded. Hispanics are of any race. Whites, blacks and Asians include only non-Hispanics. Asians include Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islanders.

Source: Pew Research Center tabulations of 2015 Current Population Survey data.

G= Global Dimensions GCRT & GCRF

- ▶ International feminism, international & comparative law,
- ▶ human rights, international business



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Professor Adrien Wing
Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs and the Bessie Dutton Murray Professor, and Director of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights, University of Iowa College of Law, Iowa City, IA

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A watercolor illustration of a woman with brown hair, blindfolded with a black cloth. She is wearing a green and yellow top. She is holding a scale of justice in her right hand. The background is a light, textured wash of colors.

Artwork by Grace Morris

GLOBAL Health

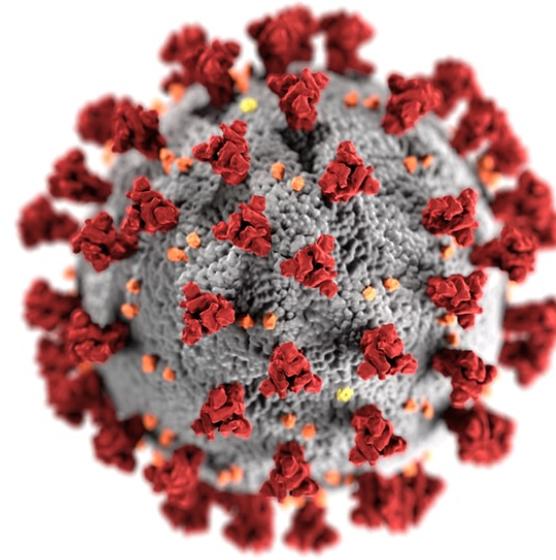
Race and Health are
connected

Doctors treat people
differently based on their
race

COVID-19 disparities

My family

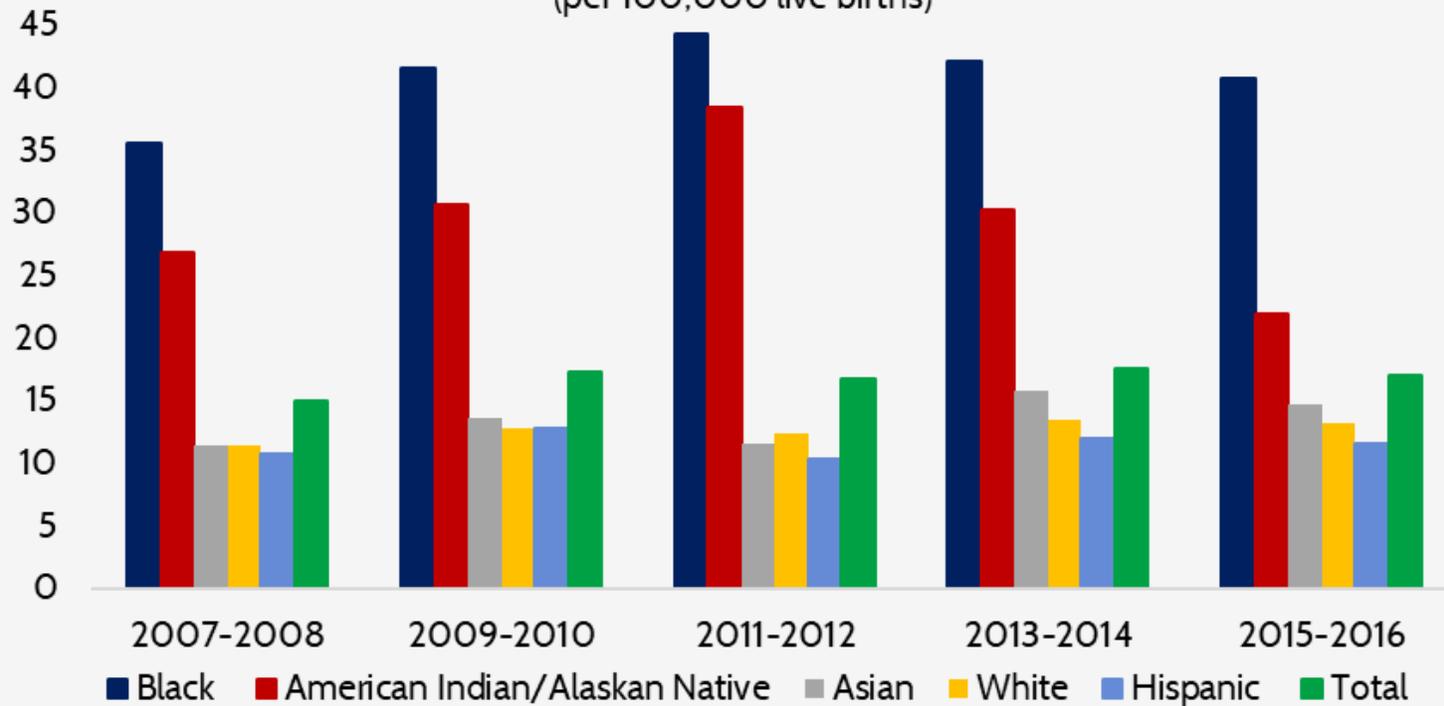
Roe v Wade overturned



Maternal Mortality

Pregnancy-Related Deaths, by Race/Ethnicity
(per 100,000 live births)

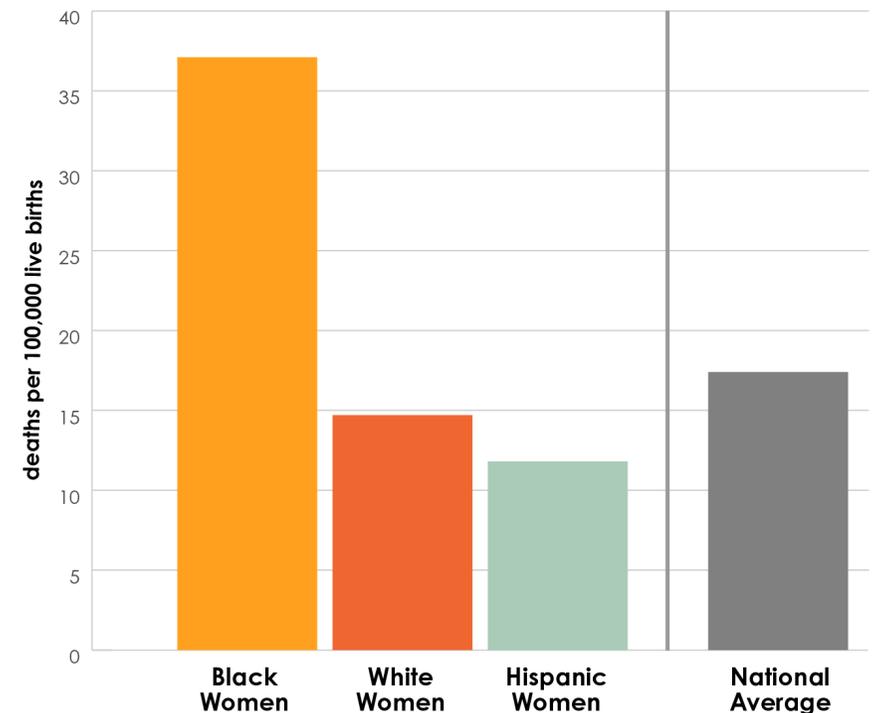
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THIRD WAY

2018 Maternal Mortality Rates Highlight Wide Racial and Ethnic Gaps

To ensure the health of all women, better data is needed to track maternal health among women of additional races and ethnicities.



Source: Hoyert, Donna, Minino, Arialdi. "Maternal Mortality in the United States: Changes in Coding, Publication, and Data Release, 2018." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Vital Statistics Reports, Volume 69, Number 2, January 30, 2020. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr69/nvsr69_02-508.pdf. Accessed February 27, 2020.

PRAXIS

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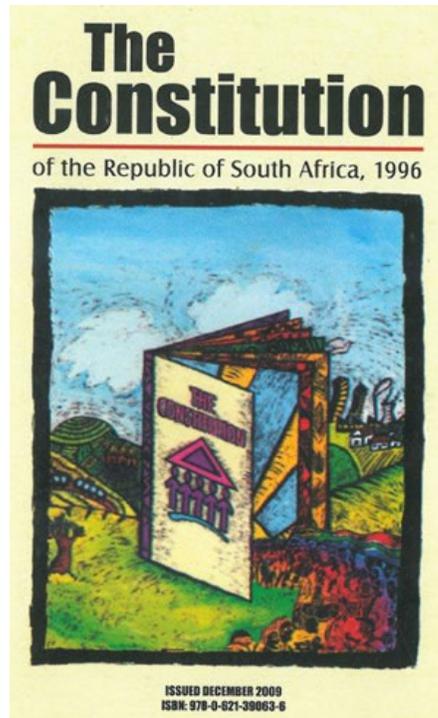
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- ▶ More affordable child care
- ▶ Endorse Paycheck Fairness Act
- ▶ Strengthen diversity and inclusion in federal workforce
- ▶ Expand focus on sexual harassment

- ▶ Renew VAWA and IVAWA
- ▶ Support the Equal Rights Amendment
- ▶ Put Harriet Tubman on the \$20 bill NOW
- ▶ Ratify CEDAW
- ▶ Title VII –intersectional approach needed



My Praxis: Constitution making



9. (3) The state may not unfairly discriminate directly or indirectly against anyone on one or more grounds, including race, gender, sex, pregnancy, marital status, ethnic or social origin, colour, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion, conscience, belief, culture, language and birth.

PRAXIS

ACTION ITEMS

★ 1 Follow and support Dr. Kimberlé Crenshaw's work with African American Policy Forum [@aapolicyforum](https://twitter.com/aapolicyforum), where they are actively tracking [anti-CRT legislation at aapf.org/truthbetold](https://www.aapf.org/truthbetold)

★ 2 Visit bit.ly/CRTlegislation to learn more about the Anti-CRT bills and more action items (by [@antiracistartteachers](https://twitter.com/antiracistartteachers))

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PRAXIS: COALITION BUILDING



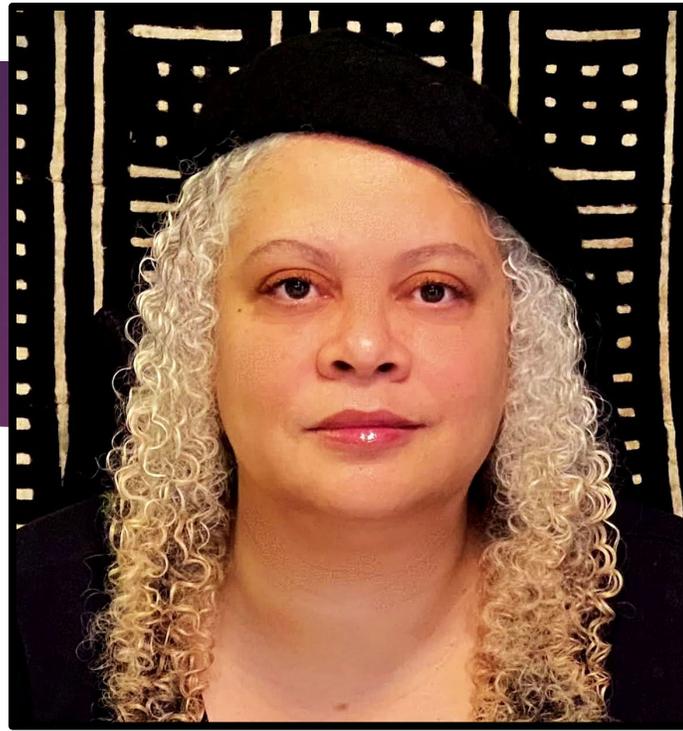
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South African President, Nobel Prize winner, and
attorney Nelson Mandela

(1918-2013):

“The struggle is my life.”





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