



Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling

Executive Order #14190

Date Issued: January 29, 2025

Topic: Education

WHAT DOES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER DO?

- This order prevents the use of federal funds to support any educational practices deemed discriminatory. Specifically, the order asserts that public school curricula should avoid content that promotes concepts such as systemic racism, privilege, or implicit bias. The Trump Administration argues that these teachings contribute to division and undermine national unity.
- The order prohibits federally funded teacher training programs from including diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) frameworks that incorporate discussions of systemic racism or implicit bias.
- The order removes federal funding from schools promoting what it deems "gender ideology" and "discriminatory ideology."
- The order also reestablishes the 1776 Commission to "promote patriotic education."

HOW WILL THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER BE ENFORCED?

- The Secretaries of Education, Defense, and Health and Human Services, along with the Attorney General, will provide an "Ending Indoctrination Strategy" to the President.
- Schools that do not comply with the order risk losing federal funding, including Title I funds allocated for low-income districts.
- The order encourages state education departments to establish review boards to evaluate materials and provide compliance reports.



HOW DOES THIS IMPACT BLACK COMMUNITIES?

- This order restricts discussions on systemic racism and related concepts which would limit comprehensive Black history education, reducing students' exposure to key historical and contemporary issues affecting Black communities. This order risks further marginalizing Black students while reinforcing Eurocentric narratives of American history.
- Long-term implications of this order include reproducing implicit biases for generations and limiting capacities to create an equal and just society that addresses systemic racism.
- The effects of this order are especially harmful to students who occupy social positions at the intersection of race, gender, and LGBTQ+ status.
 For example, Black transgender students will be disproportionately impacted as they already endure high rates of school discipline and harassment. Targeting "gender ideology" will undoubtedly undermine protections for these students.

HOW ARE CBC MEMBERS RESPONDING?

- The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) has a longstanding commitment to advancing equity in education. The Caucus has an <u>Education and</u> <u>Labor Taskforce</u> that has historically worked to examine causes of increased segregation and ensure educational institutions are diverse and inclusive.
- CBC members have routinely opposed measures that limit discussions of racism and equity in education. They have emphasized the importance of inclusive curricula that reflects diverse perspectives and experiences of all Americans. To read more about the CBC's legacy on education policy issues, visit <u>Avoice</u>, our virtual library.