

Parallels between CRT and conspiracy theories

Please note: the goal of this document is not to assert that all claims of racism in society are invalid. But such claims have to be specific and identifiable, so that they can be discussed based on their substance. Vague claims about racist systems, suspicious speculation about motives and toxic group thinking are insane and help nobody, regardless of whatever virtuous robes those practices may be dressed in.

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Some general parallels

- Overarching, all-explaining framework
- Built on speculation
- Selective skepticism and use of sources
- Interpreting everything in light of the theory
- Abundant use of logical fallacies
- Leaping to conclusions based on kernels of truth
- Alleged culprits are guilty until proven innocent
- Innocence can never be proven; theory is unfalsifiable

Examples of more specific parallels

The points of comparison capture literal quotes, paraphrases or the gist of claims encountered in (primary) sources describing, defending, advocating and/or displaying (the tenets of) CRT. For a few of the more eyebrow-raising points, examples are given in footnotes (although it's hard to determine what exactly should be considered surprising after spending hours consuming CRT-related sources). For accuracy, it should be mentioned that a few of the parallels noted may be unfair with regard to traditional conspiracy theories.

| Characteristic | Traditional conspiracy theory (specific example: covid-19 theories) | Critical Race Theory |
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| Overarching framework that explains everything | The covid-19-pandemic was planned by the globalist elites who want to control the world, reset the global economy, and make us slaves of the new world order by injecting us with DNA-changing vaccines and microchips | Everything in society is the result of a power struggle between oppressors and the oppressed; In the current situation, everything is the result of a "system" designed to favor whites |
| Feigned rationality: adherents may believe there's strong evidence, but most important ingredient of the faith is actually speculation | Scrutinize a random conspiracy theory... | Funny yet sad example: The Woke Temple (@WokeTemple) / Twitter |
| Feigned nuance | "We aren't crazies who believe the earth is flat" | "Critical Race Theorists don't argue that all whites are inherently evil or that everything is racist" |
| Jumping to conclusions | "There is a biological lab located in Wuhan! Also, there was a guy working there who worked with coronaviruses when studying the West!" | "Since race is a social construct but there are real disparities between blacks and whites, racism must be what drives and explains the racial differences" |
| Denial is proof | "The fact that X denies involvement with the conspiracy theory shows there's more going on" | "The fact that you're denying white fragility is evidence you're suffering from white fragility" |
| Disagreement shows you're duped or evil | "You only disagree because you're a blind sheep following the masses/you only disagree because you're part of the conspiracy" | "You disagree because you've internalized whiteness/you disagree because of white fragility and don't want to admit you're part of the oppressive system" |
| Contradicting evidence is incorporated into the overarching framework (Unfalsifiability) | "Mike Pence got a vaccination live on tv. That shows he's also part of the conspiracy. It's obviously fake." | "The fact that you adopted black children doesn't show you're not racist. It could mean you only want to convince yourself you're not/you think |

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| | | you have to civilize those "savages" ¹ |
| Damned if you do and damned if you don't | "If the vaccine is so safe, why don't they get it live on tv?" | "When whites support black advancement it is only because of white self-interest" ("interest convergence"); "White savior complex" |
| Everything is somehow tied to the conspiracy theory | "The US raised interest rates which will destroy the European economy so the Great Reset can move further" | "African Americans attacking Asian Americans is a result of white supremacy" ² ; "Climate change is a result of white supremacy" ³ |
| Some specific but vaguely defined group is the culprit and is ascribed a disproportionate amount of power | "The globalists"; "The elites" | "Whites"; "White nationalists"; "White supremacists" |
| That group has some individual representatives. | Bill Gates, George Soros, Klaus Schwab, etc. | Richard Spencer, Ben Shapiro, Donald Trump, etc. |
| There is a specific victim group | The "normal" citizens | Blacks |
| Culprits create beliefs that hurt victims | "The globalists want you to believe you're dependent upon the government to survive the pandemic" | "Whites spread beliefs to make blacks believe they're inferior to whites" |
| Disease you need to be cured of | "Blind trust in media and government" | "Whiteness" |
| Selective use of evidence | Ignoring the fact that "predictions" of the pandemic by alleged culprits/accomplices only partially line up with reality | Focusing on the situation of blacks but ignoring the flourishing of minorities such as Asians and Jews |
| Questionable anecdotal evidence | "I have an acquaintance who works in a hospital and told me they have to falsely label deaths as resulting from covid." | "Lived experiences" |
| Rejecting evidence | If it came through an official institution of canal, it's per definition distrusted because it's part of the conspiracy | "The views of this black person don't count because they reflect internalized whiteness" |
| Addressing real problems that can be addressed without the theory | Irresponsible government behavior | Racial disparities/racism in society |
| Disagreement with ideas/methods is disagreement with cause | "So you want people to be slaves of a world government" | "So you're against racial/social justice" |

¹ [Ibram X. Kendi op Twitter: "Some White colonizers "adopted" Black children. They "civilized" these "savage" children in the "superior" ways of White people, while using them as props in their lifelong pictures of denial, while cutting the biological parents of these children out of the picture of humanity." / Twitter](#)

² [White supremacy is the root of all race-related violence in the US \(theconversation.com\)](#)

³ [How White Supremacy Caused the Climate Crisis \(earthisland.org\)](#)

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| Using real examples from the past to back up bizarre theories | "There were real conspiracies in the past. Therefore, this theory isn't as crazy as you think" | "There was real systemic racism in the past. Therefore, this theory isn't as crazy as you think" |
| Black/white thinking | "You criticize weaknesses in my argument? Keep on blindly believing anything the government tells you." | Speaks for itself 😊 |
| Call it "scholarship" | "I've done research!" | "This is highly sophisticated and intellectually rigorous" ⁴ |
| Reject criticism by claiming ignorance on the critic's part | "You don't know the theory well enough to criticize it" | "You don't understand CRT well enough to criticize it" |
| Motivation | "We only want people to hear the truth" | "We only want to bring racial justice" |
| Result | Discord, division and confusion | Discord, division and confusion |

Critical Race Theory is, in reality, Conspiratorial Race Theory

⁴ [Why Is Critical Race Theory? - SOME MORE NEWS - YouTube](#)

The 7 tenets of CRT according to Harper, Patton & Wooden applied to conspiracy theories

(source: [What is Critical Race Theory? – Neil Shenvi – Apologetics \(shenviapologetics.com\)](http://shenviapologetics.com))

| CRT tenets | Applied to conspiracy theories |
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| <i>[Tenet 1:] Racism is a normal part of American life, often lacking the ability to be distinctively recognized..... A CRT lens unveils the various forms in which racism continually manifests itself, despite espoused institutional values regarding equity and social justice.</i> | Conspiracies by the elites/globalists are a normal part of this world, they only need to be recognized. A critical lens unveils the various forms in which conspiracies manifest themselves, despite alleged institutions meant to safeguard our health, safety and privacy. |
| <i>[Tenet 2:] [Ideas like] liberalism, neutrality, objectivity, colorblindness, and meritocracy... camouflage [how] racial advantage propels the self-interests, power, and privileges of the dominant group.</i> | Ideas like liberalism, neutrality, objectivity, colorblindness, and meritocracy... camouflage how globalist conspiracies propel the self-interests, power, and privileges of the conspiring group. |
| <i>[Tenet 3:] CRT gives voice to the unique perspectives and lived experiences of people of color... CRT uses counternarratives as a way to highlight discrimination, offer racially different interpretations of policy, and challenge the universality of assumptions made about people of color.</i> | We at (somecrazywebsite.com) give voice to the unique perspectives of critical experts/survivors with refound memories of being molested by high-placed officials (as happened here in the Netherlands)... to highlight the ways the globalist elites are taking control of our society. |
| <i>[Tenet 4:] CRT recognizes interest-convergence, the process whereby the white power structure ‘will tolerate or encourage racial advances for Blacks only when they also promote white self-interests’.</i> | We recognize the interest-convergence, the process whereby the globalist power structure ‘will tolerate or encourage democratic advances for society/normal people only when they also promote globalist self-interests’. |
| <i>[Tenet 5:] Revisionist History is another tenet of CRT [which] suggests that American history be closely scrutinized and reinterpreted as opposed to being accepted at face value and truth.</i> | Revisionist History is another tenet of conspiracy theories which suggests that American history be closely scrutinized and reinterpreted as opposed to being accepted at face value and truth. (Example: conspiracy theories (perhaps containing some truth) that America was more or less founded by secret societies.) |
| <i>[Tenet 6:] CRT also relies on Racial Realists, or individuals who not only recognize race as a social construct, but also realize that ‘racism is a means by which society allocates privilege and status.’</i> | Conspiracy theories also rely on Conspiratorial Realists, or individuals who not only recognize the crisis (e.g., corona pandemic) as staged, but also realize that the measures and the acceptance thereof are means by which the conspirators allocate privilege and status to citizens based on their obedience. |
| <i>[Tenet 7:] CRT critiques [claims that]: (a) colorblindness] will eliminate racism; (b) racism is a matter of individuals, not systems; and (c) one can fight racism without paying attention to sexism, homophobia, economic exploitation, and other forms of oppression or injustice</i> | We at (somecrazywebsite.com) critique the claims that: (a) neutral action against injustice in general will eliminate evil conspiracies; (b) conspiracies are a matter of individuals, not vaguely defined groups; and (c) one can fight this particular conspiracy without buying into the other crazy theories we publish at this website, which are all linked to each other. |