



INTERSECTIONALITY

The Rise of a Dangerous Anti-American Ideology and How to Stop it

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A **new report** raises the alarm on the threats posed by a discriminatory theory on campus and beyond.

Intersectionality is an anti-Western ideology with a massive reach and harmful impact. Most well-known for describing overlapping forms of discrimination, intersectionality is an ideological framework grounded in “group identity,” dividing people into “marginalized” or “privileged” categories entitled to different treatment. In practice, this discriminatory theory runs afoul of the law, is inconsistent with American principles, and endangers social cohesion.

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A new report from the Legal Insurrection Foundation (LIF) and Defense of Freedom Institute for Policy Studies (DFI) traces the development and application of intersectionality—the theoretical foundation for widespread implementation of “Critical Race Theory” and “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion”—and describes how its dangerous impacts have reverberated through higher education, K–12 schools, media, culture, and politics, including:

- harassment and lawbreaking on campus following the Hamas attack on Israel on October 7, 2023;
- mass agitation in response to the enforcement of immigration law; and
- the rise of radical and violent groups such as the “Turtle Island Liberation Front,” whose members face federal charges over alleged plans to bomb multiple targets and attack federal agents.

Although the Trump administration has taken significant steps to curtail discrimination by entities receiving federal resources, some recipients have relied on intersectionality to flout these efforts. In response, LIF and DFI offer recommendations for policymakers and lawmakers to end these discriminatory practices in federally funded programs and activities, such as:

- targeting intersectionality through executive orders, administrative guidance, rulemaking, lawsuits, and denial of federal funding;
- holding congressional hearings to educate lawmakers and the public on intersectional discrimination and to consider legislation clarifying prohibited discriminatory treatment under that theory; and
- directing resources to educate Americans about the nation’s founding and its enduring principles.

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