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To prohibit the United States Armed Forces from promoting anti-American  
and racist theories.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina introduced the following bill; which was  
referred to the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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**A BILL**

To prohibit the United States Armed Forces from promoting  
anti-American and racist theories.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Combatting Racist  
5 Training in the Military Act of 2021”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress makes the following findings:

8 (1) The founding principles of the United  
9 States include the belief, enshrined in the Declara-

1       tion of Independence, that “all men are created  
2       equal” and “are endowed by their Creator with cer-  
3       tain unalienable Rights”.

4           (2) The United States’ commitment to the  
5       equal dignity and natural rights of all mankind is  
6       the strongest possible defense against racism and  
7       oppression of all kinds.

8           (3) The mission of the United States Armed  
9       Forces is to “support and defend the Constitution of  
10      the United States against all enemies, foreign and  
11      domestic” and “bear true faith and allegiance to the  
12      same”.

13          (4) To carry out this mission, the Armed  
14      Forces must train leaders who love the United  
15      States, its citizens, and the aforementioned founding  
16      principles.

17          (5) Anti-American and racist theories, such as  
18      “Critical Race Theory”, teach that the United  
19      States is a fundamentally racist Nation, that the  
20      Constitution is a fundamentally racist document,  
21      and that certain races are fundamentally oppressive  
22      or oppressed.

23          (6) Such theories encourage people to judge  
24      and treat others differently on the basis of their  
25      race, rather than treating them as equal citizens and

1 human beings with equal dignity and protection  
2 under the law.

3 (7) Anti-American and racist theories, such as  
4 Critical Race Theory, teach students to distrust and  
5 even hate their country and fellow citizens.

6 (8) The United States Armed Forces should not  
7 promote or otherwise encourage anti-American and  
8 racist theories that demoralize and divide its mem-  
9 bers while undermining its mission to “bear truth  
10 faith and allegiance” to the Constitution.

11 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON PROMOTION OF ANTI-AMERICAN**  
12 **AND RACIST THEORIES.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—The United States Armed Forces  
14 and academic institutions operated or controlled by the  
15 Department of Defense shall not promote the following  
16 anti-American and racist theories:

17 (1) Any race is inherently superior or inferior  
18 to any other race.

19 (2) The United States of America is a fun-  
20 damentally racist country.

21 (3) The Declaration of Independence or the  
22 United States Constitution are fundamentally racist  
23 documents.

24 (4) An individual’s moral character or worth is  
25 determined by his or her race.

1           (5) An individual, by virtue of his or her race,  
2           is inherently racist or oppressive, whether con-  
3           sciously or unconsciously.

4           (6) An individual, because of his or her race,  
5           bears responsibility for the actions committed by  
6           other members of his or her race.

7           (b) **PROMOTE DEFINED.**—In this section, the term  
8           “promote” means the following:

9           (1) Including theories described under sub-  
10          section (a) or materials that advocate such theories  
11          in curricula, reading lists, seminars, workshops,  
12          trainings, or other educational or professional set-  
13          tings in a manner that could reasonably give rise to  
14          the appearance of official sponsorship, approval, or  
15          endorsement.

16          (2) Contracting with, hiring, or otherwise en-  
17          gaging speakers, consultants, diversity trainers, and  
18          other persons for the purpose of advocating theories  
19          described under subsection (a).

20          (3) Compelling members of the Armed Forces  
21          to affirm or profess belief in theories described  
22          under subsection (a).

23          (4) Segregating members of the Armed Forces  
24          or other individuals by race in any setting, including  
25          educational and training sessions.

1 (c) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—

2 (1) PROTECTED SPEECH NOT RESTRICTED.—

3 Nothing in this section shall be construed to restrict  
4 the protected speech of members of the Armed  
5 Forces or any individual.

6 (2) ACCESS TO MATERIALS FOR THE PURPOSE

7 OF RESEARCH OR INDEPENDENT STUDY.—Nothing

8 in this section shall be construed to prevent individ-  
9 uals from accessing materials that advocate theories  
10 described under subsection (a) for the purpose of re-  
11 search or independent study.

12 (3) CONTEXTUAL EDUCATION.—Nothing in this

13 section shall be construed to prevent the United  
14 States Armed Forces and academic institutions op-  
15 erated or controlled by the Department of Defense  
16 from stating theories described under subsection (a)  
17 or assigning materials that advocate such theories  
18 for educational purposes in contexts that make clear  
19 the United States Armed Forces and Department of  
20 Defense does not sponsor, approve, or endorse such  
21 theories or works.