

Testimony  
Submitted to the Committee of Criminal Justice  
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LD 1447

An Act to Require Training in Racial Issues, Racial Justice and Social  
Issues at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and To Establish Additional  
Requirements for Law Enforcement and Candidates

I am writing to oppose LD 1447.

Race, racial justice, and CRT are suddenly all the rage. “Employees, students, and parents are being inundated with ‘anti-racism’ training programs and school curricula that insist America was built on white supremacy.” We hear the lies that America is systemic racist. This is all Marxist dogma. And now it has come to target our police in Maine.

The police are targeted because they represent “law and order.” And we in America believe in law and order.

Racists acts are “deplorable” And I condemn such behavior. But LD 1447 is not about this. Our police are not racists and already undergo rigorous training.

So what’s behind all this training? The impetus behind a race-based training program and curricula “that’s spreading at the moment is not exclusively, or even primarily, about skin color.” The issue of race today is just a “façade for a particular strain of thought.” It’s the Marxist dream of eradicating America, capitalism, the constitution, our courts, our churches and synagogues, and our way of life. And, this includes the institutions that stand for law and order – our police.

The proposed trainings will not remedy racial problems. They will not solve racial inequality. They will only deepen them.

Further adding more educational requirements than those that already exist will put additional burden on our police, its training officers, and strain tax dollars.

I urge you to vote “ought not to pass” for LD 1447.

Thank you very much.