

# LIBERATED

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really inside...

## \$17.5 MILLION SPENT ON ETHNIC STUDIES SINCE 2020

A new Defending Education report studied 55 school districts and found that \$17.5 MILLION has been spent on ethnic studies since 2020. About \$10.1 Million of that was with federal funds, (ESSER and Title Funds).

### WHAT IS “LIBERATED” ETHNIC STUDIES?

- Sold as “culture” and “history” but openly activist
- Frames the world as **oppressor vs. oppressed**
- Steeped in critical race theory, decolonization and queer theory

### WHO’S GETTING PAID THE MOST?

- Newsela – \$1.36M
- UC Berkeley & other universities – \$1.37M
- Community Responsive Education Corp – \$1.06M
- Gibbs Smith Publishing – \$904K

### WHAT IS IN THE CURRICULUM?

1. “White privilege” & “fragility”
2. BLM & “land back” activism
3. “Drag pedagogy” for children
4. Protest art, decolonization, and systemic oppression frameworks

### WHY IT MATTERS?

**Federal relief funds** diverted to a specific ideology, not academic recovery

**Consultant networks** profit off explicitly anti-American, anti-Capitalist content

**Students** are encouraged—even required—to be activists for a particular worldview

**THE LIBERATED ETHNIC STUDIES AGENDA IS NOT EDUCATION — IT’S ACTIVISM ON THE TAXPAYERS’ DIME.**

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