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Twenty-eight presidents of community colleges in Florida comprising the Florida College System have issued a joint "Statement on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Critical Race Theory."

<https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5673/urlt/FCSDEIstatement.pdf>

In their statement, the presidents assert that critical race theory is an "ideology" that "mean[s] and accomplish[es] the very opposite" of "diversity in thought"; they also announce policies that seek to restrict and regulate critical race theory's teaching and funding. ACLA supports and joins in the scholarly criticism of their position that has flowed from every educator who acknowledges the basic facts of U.S. history, past and present, from chattel slavery to present-day police killings. ACLA pledges itself to support and do better than it has so far done by all that "critical race theory" stands for in the presidents' letter: scholarship in and teaching of Black Studies, the analysis of slavery, and the analysis of "systems of oppression." ACLA will stand by "critical race theory" in its conferences, publications, and any other means of supporting intellectual inquiry that it possesses. The 28 Florida college presidents have abandoned their scholarly and ethical responsibilities. We call on the 28 to resign their positions, and invite other college presidents, provosts, and deans to join in this call.

Sincerely,

ACLA Executive Committee