

NEO RACISTS ATTACK NEO MARXISTS

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The Neo-Racists attacking the Neo-Marxists are blind to their own nakedness as they lodge criticism for skimpy attire. The hypocrisy and the un-Christian foundations of these two ideologies bore into the church like termites. And like a physical house, this Christian house can also collapse if Christians are not vigilant promoting the Bible as the sole source for teachings on racism and racial justice. Neo-Racism may be a new term, but it needs to be publicly called out by name as we confront it as an ideological enemy—as much as Neo-Marxism is. Ephesians 5, vs. 11-14.

First, we need to define these terms so that Christians can recognize these destructive ideologies before applying the Biblical justice and reconciliation solutions. Neo-Marxism and classical Marxism are different. Classical Marxism calls for a communist revolution, with the working class rising up against the capitalists for establish a “dictatorship of the proletariat”. The reality of classical Marxism is dictatorial and totalitarian regimes with massive human rights violations, a loss of freedom, and tens of millions of innocent deaths.

Neo-Marxism is not quite so horrific. But like classical Marxism, it follows a Hegelian dialectic of class hierarchies. There is class struggle tied to oppressors and oppressed, and the Neo-Marxists will be very intentional about bending every institution in a democratic society to reverse the cited oppression. Applied to race relations, it has defined a portion of Critical Race Theory (originally conceived to examine the impact of racism in different societal functions and organs). Neo-Marxism in CRT is the identification of Whites as oppressors and via intersectionality, define other racial groups as the oppressed. The intersectionality also brings in other groups defined as oppressed—women and LGBT especially.

Both traditional Marxism and Neo-Marxism are hostile to the Christian world view. They are secular, atheistic in their foundations and often define Christians as oppressors, especially vis a vis Muslims. Neo-Marxists in the USA align themselves often with destructive secular forces, including abortion and the demise of the nuclear family. There is no world view compatibility between the Christian Gospel and Neo-Marxism. Proverbs 14, v. 12.

Similarly, Neo Racism differs from traditional racism. Neo Racism is also distinct from systemic racism, where authorities preside over social systems that discriminate on the basis of race. The practitioners of systemic racism may either intend traditional racism or intend to be racially neutral but actually preside over a disparate impact situation, often from historically ingrained systemic racist realities that were never addressed.

Traditional racism is characterized by deliberate discrimination, identification with White supremacy, racial hatred, racial slurs, racial violence etc. Neo Racism is more subtle and flies under the radar of aggressive racism. In the church setting, the Neo-Racists would not normally prevent a Black person or other person of color from attending a White church, as was the case in the Jim Crow South.

Neo Racists are often identified as those associated with attacking Critical Race Theory. Not everyone who attacks CRT is a Neo Racist, because CRT itself has secular, not Biblical, foundations. The Neo Racists are identified as those who harp about how CRT is hurting White people, but are either silent in response to, or hostile to, advocacy efforts to eradicate racism or racial injustices directed at Blacks or other people of color. The fact that these individuals side with Whites over people of color in race relations is race discrimination, and defines racism—a Neo version, different from Jim Crow, etc. These Neo Racists may have an occasional person of color that shares their extreme agenda, and will hide behind that person of color. Thus, the Neo Racists will sometimes be in the presence of a Black

person or other person of color, and rarely will we hear a Neo Racist using the N word or some other racial slur. However, Neo Racists often will unapologetically use racially offensive terminology. A graphic example of this is taking the term “woke”—coined by the Black church as a beautiful call for racial equality during the Jim Crow era—and either twisting its meaning or using it as a weapon against Blacks and other persons advocating for racial equality and against racism. The Neo Racists’ race relations-oriented primary focus on White people being mistreated agrees with the agenda of the White nationalists, who say that White people are the most mistreated race in the USA. Since the Neo Racists don’t have the overt trappings of the traditional racists, the Neo Racists can be terms as “White Nationalists Lite.” Neo Racism may not be as obnoxiously loud and criminal as traditional racism. But it can be just as destructive to reconciliation and unity in the Body of Christ, and ultimately to our great USA. There is no world view compatibility between Neo Racism and the Christian Gospel. 1 Timothy 5, v. 21.

A trend similar to, but different from, Neo Racism is Neo Segregation. Traditional segregation is legally enforced, separating the races. Neo Segregation is voluntary, people wallowing in a racial comfort zone, and not seeking serious fellowships with people of other racial/ethnic backgrounds. Neo Segregation remains a disease in the American Christian Church, as evidenced by the stark racial divisions in the churches that still remain, and the lack of sufficient cross-racial fellowships, friendships and church partnerships. The focus of Neo Segregation often focuses on Whites due to the racial dynamics of America’s history. However, Neo Segregation is not just a White phenomenon. Black churches often remain segregated due to the historical exclusion and hostility of Whites. Language sometimes drives Neo Segregation trends by some other people of color groups. On college campuses, we have witnessed Blacks and sometimes other people of color deliberately excluding Whites from events due to “safe space” or similar concerns. However, the Christian and Biblical world view is to

remove racially exclusionary realities and promote inclusion of everyone of all races/ethnicities in discussions and friendships. The Christian solution to Neo Segregation patterns is an intentional and sustained Ethnic Liaison Movement. Philippians 2, vs. 3-4.

Hopefully these definitions have been helpful. The Neo Racism/Neo Marxism struggle and advocacy has no place in the Body of Christ. We need to continually expose the world view enemies of Biblical Christianity, and then relentlessly hold onto the Bible as the sole source for promoting positive race relations, unity, reconciliation, and justice for those mistreated. Let us line up these enemies by name and blast them with the metaphorical gun of Sola Scriptura—and combine these efforts with love for all people, no matter what world view they proclaim. 1 Corinthians 12, v. 13.