

Part II: Viewpoint — Questioning ‘race equity ideology’ is a career-ender in modern medicine

The national movement to eradicate what activists call systemic racism and white privilege from medicine and health care has few public critics in the medical profession. A possible reason: Skeptics who have questioned these efforts have been subject to harsh Twitter campaigns, professional demotions and other blowback.

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A podcast of the Journal of the American Medical Association caused a furor this year when one of its editors suggested that discussion of systemic racism is an unfortunate distraction that should be taken off the table. In response to a [protest petition](#), the AMA launched an internal investigation into the creation of the podcast (and a since deleted [Tweet](#) that promoted it). Eventually, the Journal’s top two editors, who are both white, resigned – the editor-in-chief’s [departure](#) coming after he issued a [public apology](#) in which he affirmed the existence of structural racism in the United States and in the health care field.

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When asked about the implications for open debate and free expression, [Brittani] James, the Chicago physician and [self-described](#) activist, black feminist and anti-racism scholar, reframed the issue.

“They call it cancel culture, but it’s actually accountability.”

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