

‘Critical Race Theory’ critics set sights on suicide prevention programs, claiming they ‘indoctrinate’ students

At a September school board meeting in Southlake, Texas, a parent named Tara Eddins [strode to the lectern during the public comment period and demanded to know](#) why the Carroll Independent School District was paying counselors “at \$90K a pop” to give students lessons on suicide prevention.

“At Carroll ISD, you are actually advertising suicide,” [Eddins said](#).

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Many of the school programs under attack fall under the umbrella of social emotional learning, or SEL, a teaching philosophy [popularized in recent years](#) that aims to help children manage their feelings and show empathy for others. Conservative groups argue that social emotional learning has become a “Trojan horse” for critical race theory, a separate academic concept that examines how systemic racism is embedded in society. They point to SEL lessons that encourage children to celebrate diversity, sometimes introducing students to conversations about race, gender and sexuality.

Activists have accused school districts of using the programs to ask children invasive questions — about their feelings, sexuality and the way race shapes their lives — as part of a ploy to “[brainwash](#)” them with liberal values and to trample parents’ rights.

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