

White Supremacy Culture ... In Math Class?

Father, I pray for protection over the students in our nation's schools. Guard the doorways of their hearts. Give intercessors and parents discernment when evil knocks at our school doors, so we may answer in love, strength and truth.

As a former math teacher, I never imagined any math teacher could be a racist simply by teaching the subject. Most of the teachers I met in my career worked hard and dedicated themselves to making sure their students learned regardless of their skin color. We never thought that we inadvertently were teaching white supremacy culture to our students. According to a new mathematics teaching resource guide, math is embedded with white supremacy culture that must be rooted out by the social justice police and consequently transformed to fit their teaching protocols. They assure us the new methods will certainly raise math scores, especially for Black, Latinx and multilingual students.

In February 2021, Oregon's Department of Education approved the controversial teacher's resource, *A Pathway to Equitable Math Instruction*. The 82-page manual is not a math curriculum but rather a toolkit for teachers designed to influence the climate of education by helping teachers identify ways where white supremacy culture shows up in teaching mathematics to students in grades six through eight.

The manual scrutinizes almost every instructional activity, going so far as to say that white supremacy culture occurs when a teacher requires a student to raise his hand before answering a question.

The teacher must recognize this is a form of paternalism and power hoarding. To correct the offending hand-raising, the

teacher is redirected to activities that use different culturally relevant methods and solutions to select students for sharing their answers.

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