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### Going Deeper: Branches of the Same Vine

As attacks on Critical Race Theory rise, so do attacks on the LGBTQ+ community (specifically transgender youth), reproductive rights and abortion, progressive education policies, the right to vote, and the right to protest. We understand these attacks on marginalized communities' rights as branches of the same tree – acts of political violence that are grown from the same poisoned root.

It is crucial we understand these attacks as part of an aggregate backlash against progress towards a genuinely multiracial democracy. The key tactic of the far-right in this battle is division. Although framed as legislation to combat “divisiveness,” this movement seeks to divide and conquer based on social identities, as [revealed recently by the Moms for Liberty leader who seeks to segregate LGBTQ students in “separate classrooms.” “like children with autism” or “Down’s syndrome.”](#) The anti-CRT, anti-LGBTQ, anti-democratic white-supremacist patriarchal movement is based on divisiveness. CRT is being distorted and weaponized to serve ambitious politicians seeking prominence leading up to the midterms in November 2022 and the 2024 presidential election.

When Gov. DeSantis proposed his “Stop Woke” and “Don’t Say Gay” legislation, he used the power of his position and the supermajority in the FL legislature to push through his expansive “parents’ rights” agenda to promote highly controversial legislation that stigmatizes our most vulnerable youth.

In order to effectively fight this far-right onslaught, we must understand these attacks as one unified movement and respond in kind.

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**"The reason why we've seen this coordinated attack on racial and social justice is because the other side knows that the racial reckoning of 2020 was unprecedented and represented the largest protest in US history. Their bans now seek to turn back the clock. [Register](#) for the 2022 Critical Race Theory Summer School On Demand, to learn how Critical Race Theory is an essential tool for fighting these backwater attacks on anti-racism. " – Sumi Cho, African American Policy Forum, Director of Strategic Initiatives**