

Christianity and Critical Theory: Its Methods

*Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.
But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.
But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of,
knowing from whom you have learned them, and that from childhood
you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise f
or salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
~ 2 Timothy 3:12-15 ~*

**Though this be madness, yet there is method in't.
~ Polonius, *Hamlet* ~**

Recommended Videos

- 1) James Lindsey, The Truth About Critical Theory Methods, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSHL-rSMIro> [language warning]
- 2) Hegel and the Dialectic | James Lindsay & Michael O'Fallon | Changing Tides Ep. 3, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Yh-J2ABC3c>
- 3) The Trojan Horse - Ep. 1: Deconstructing Communities | Peter Boghossian, James Lindsay, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YDFL3xwEEG8>
- 4) The Great Awakening Conference, <https://soundcloud.com/sovereignnations>

I. Methods of Critical Theory

A. Deconstruction

1. Method
2. Object
3. Tool

B. Demoralization

James Lindsey: "Critical Theorists...understood that to tear down a liberal society you just need one thing: you just have to get a large enough group of people to complain constantly about how a society can be understood as unfair or unjust, as cheating them or somebody they care about, whether that is based on genuine understanding of the circumstances or not. They don't have to offer solutions; they don't have to understand; they don't need clear perspective of what they are talking about. They just have to air their grievances constantly and make everything they can touch seem problematic, while constantly demanding that it therefore be changed. And they know how to make this happen. Teach it everywhere, make it a moral imperative. And they do it really well.

C. Discontent

D. Division

1. Spheres: What are the really important ones
2. This is the goal of CT and its ideologies.

E. Destruction

II. Effectiveness: Why is this so pervasive and effective?

A. The Judgment of God:

B. The Depravity of the Human Heart

1. Natural infestation of the human heart of the seeds of pride: High thoughts of self
2. Natural antipathy in the human heart for authority:
3. Natural susceptibility of the human heart to deceit
4. Natural inclination in the human heart toward a critical spirit
5. The unique way this grievance culture appeals to, stirs up, and then actually incentivizes sin

III. What Do We Do?

A. Know and love the Triune God of grace

B. Know and love the Word of God

C. Be Holy people

D. Be steadfast people

E. Be an engaged people