

Indivisible SOS Minutes

December 6, 2021

1. The meeting began with the “Challah Award” for activist of the month presented by Monica to Racheal for her extraordinary work with Sheriff Mendoza.
2. Sandy began the meeting with a short discussion concerning the Republican Party’s use of CRT (Critical Race Theory) and personal freedom to stir up anger and fear in the 2022 election races.
3. Peggy went over the plan for today’s program and introduced Trudy O'Toole, one of our members who agreed to be our subject matter expert for today's discussion.

Trudy gave a summary of the origins of CRT. Eric Bell was the original person to present this idea. Kendi and DiAngelo had very extreme ideas around CRT.

Following Trudy's brief presentation, Peggy opened the seminar up to the members to speak.

1. Bernadette Vadurro, the Chairwoman of the Santa Fe Democratic Party, said the language involved with this topic has to be clarified.
2. Pam R. felt we should embrace Kendi’s ideas.
3. Ricann believed that the Republican party tries to divide and conquer so the Democrats need to work on bringing people together.

4. Allyson Nathan (guest) felt that there are a significant number of Republicans that believe in many of the things that Democrats believe in.
 5. Jeannice asked the group for a simple definition of CRT.
 6. Marti's response was "tell the whole story" or "make the system work for everyone". CRT says that the system is rigged for rich white people. (MEN) The way the system exists today it will not help working class people.
 7. Jan felt we need to spread a wider net to include more individuals.
 8. Barbara Y. believes that the Republicans have a way of turning messaging against the Democrats.
1. Synda related that racists don't feel they are racist because they don't own slaves
 2. Racheal informed the group that the National Museum of African American History and Culture has a self guided tutorial on race that she recommends. She also said she feels that the underlying concern that people have about CRT is based in fear.
 3. Georgia Jones-Davis indicated that there has been a breakdown in mutual respect for one another.
 4. Jayne believed that to solve the problem concerning race we must start with young students teaching them how we are all alike.

5. Monica felt her reaction to people comes from her reptilian brain and therefore our reactions are automatic. We are more comfortable with our own tribe.
6. Sandy related an experience she had at the airport that illustrated prejudice against her as a small white woman.

Announcements- January 17th we will have our strategic planning meeting for 2022.

Our speaker next week, 12/13 will be Tara Lujan.

Holiday party is 12/13 5:30 at Betsy Porter's house

You must be fully vaccinated to attend!