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Sent: Tuesday, June 7, 2022 2:53 PM
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Subject: Public Records Request (AZ-SEN-22-0558)

Dear Public Records Officer:

Please find attached a request for records under Arizona's public records laws.

Sincerely,

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Public Records Request: AZ-SEN-22-0558

From: [Jenna Bentley](#)
Subject: 4 out of 5 Arizonans support HCR2001 The Stop CRT & Racial Discrimination in Schools Act
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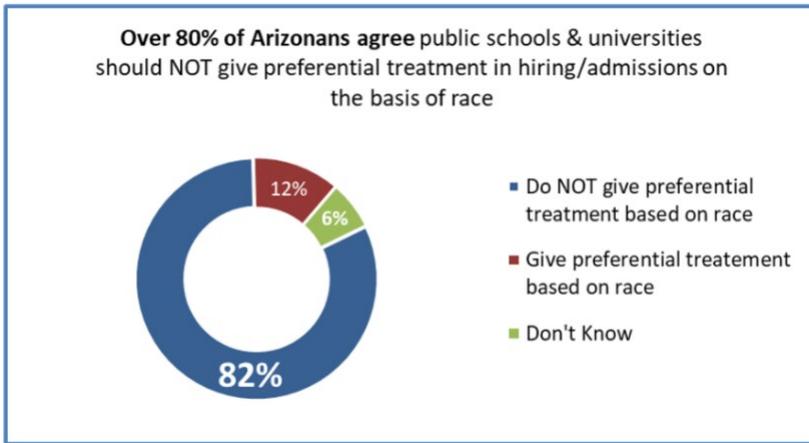


[Arizona lawmakers can put the left's race-based radicalism on a collision course with voters this November, and new statewide polling shows very clearly that they should.](#)

Sponsored by State Rep. Steve Kaiser, HCR 2001 proposes to amend Arizona's state constitution to prohibit public schools and universities from discriminating against students, teachers or staff on the basis of skin color or from screening out potential teacher candidates because they fail to support race-based political ideologies. Having already cleared the state House of Representatives, HCR 2001 will—once greenlit by the state Senate—give voters the chance to ratify these new constitutional protections at the November election.

And these voters, it seems, stand ready to deliver a resounding victory. New polling of respondents from all political parties shows that 4 out of 5 Arizona voters agree that our public education institutions should be free of race-based policies. Specifically, when asked, "Should Arizona public schools and universities give preferential treatment in hiring and admissions decisions to certain people based upon their race or skin color?", 82% of voters rejected the idea.

Fortunately, this is precisely what HCR 2001 would protect students and teachers against. As the ballot measure reads: "This state may not under any circumstance disadvantage or treat differently on the basis of race or ethnicity any individual from among any pool of applicants, students, employees or contract recipients when making a hiring, contracting, promotion or admission decision."



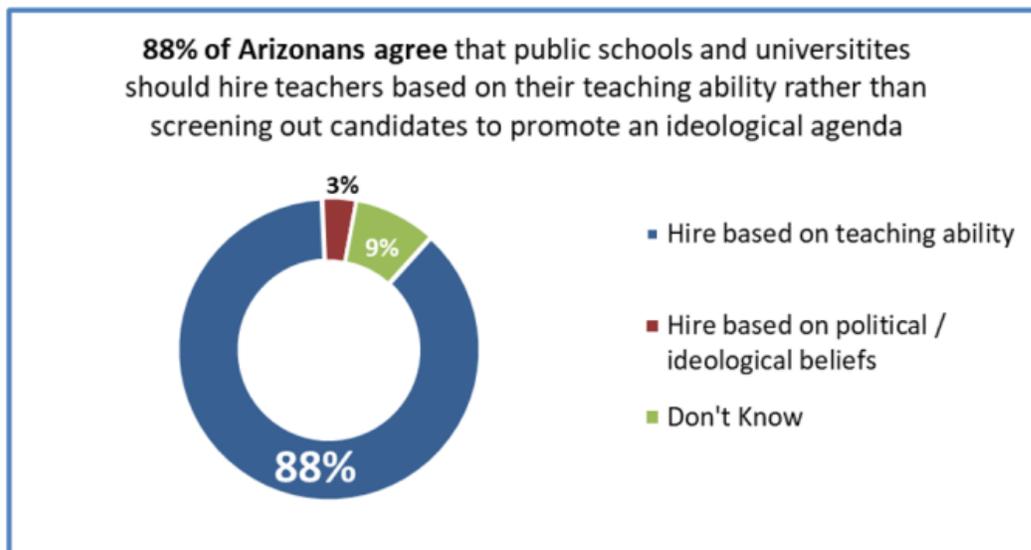
Perhaps even more significantly, the polling reveals that Arizona voters across the political spectrum support the provisions of HCR 2001, with 93% of Republicans, 85% of independents/other, and even 63% of Democrats agreeing that Arizona’s public educational institutions should not be treating individuals differently based upon skin color.

These figures also mirror nationwide [polling](#) from Pew Research Center released last month, which found that just 26% of Americans believe that race or ethnicity should influence college admissions decisions, compared to the 74% of Americans who believe race or ethnicity should have zero impact on how applicants are treated.

Other national [polls](#), such as Ipsos’ 2021 survey of U.S. adults, have likewise found that only 27% of respondents believe the government “should favor hiring certain racial and ethnic groups if doing so will create more equity.” Even in deep blue California as recently as 2020, voters defeated—*by double digits*—a leftwing attempt to repeal the state’s ban on racial discrimination in hiring and admissions decisions in public education. So it should be no surprise to find Arizona voters rejecting race-based protocols even more emphatically.

The new polling has also found that voters overwhelmingly support HCR 2001’s protections against political tests being used to screen out candidates from the classroom. Public schools and universities are [increasingly demanding](#) that job applicants identify their support for “diversity, equity, and inclusion” initiatives—requirements that scholars note are functioning as thinly veiled [ideological litmus tests](#) and 1950s-style [loyalty oaths](#) to screen out insufficiently progressive teachers, regardless of their ability.

As the poll found, 88% of Arizona voters reject the notion that public schools should only hire teachers who support certain controversial political ideologies, rather than hiring teachers based on their teaching ability. Fortunately, HCR 2001 will ensure that the state constitution’s existing ban on political tests applies to these new race-based formulations as well.



Finally, the new polling also found that 78% of voters oppose the implementation of Critical Race Theory (CRT) in public education, with just 10% supporting its implementation and 12% who were unsure.

In short, Arizona voters—across the political spectrum—recognize the fundamental importance of state institutions treating all individuals equally regardless of race. Certain activists and ideologues may continue

calling for racial discrimination under the [euphemisms](#) of CRT, diversity, or equity, but voters agree that regardless of how they're framed, racially discriminatory policies have no place in Arizona or its constitution.

You can read the full article [here](#). For more information on the *Stop CRT & Racial Discrimination in Schools Act* please feel free to contact me at jbentley@goldwaterinstitute.org or at (520)903-4288.

Best,
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Arizona family pushes 'Right to Try 2.0' after being forced to travel to Italy for medical treatment

The family had to raise money to make the trip to get their daughter's life-saving gene therapy the FDA had not approved

By [Kyle Morris](#)

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[Arizona family urges action on Goldwater Institute's 'Right to Try 2.0'](#)



Kendra Riley is an Arizona mother whose family has firsthand experience with lifesaving, cutting-edge medicine—and why the Right to Try for Individualized Treatments (Right to Try 2.0) is so desperately needed. (Goldwater Institute) An [Arizona](#) family is pushing for a proposed "[Right to Try 2.0](#)" law [SB1163] from the Goldwater Institute after they were forced to raise thousands of dollars and temporarily move to Italy to receive medical treatment for their 2-year-old daughter who has a rare genetic disease.

Life for the Riley family changed in March 2020 when Olivia, their 1-year-old daughter, was diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), a highly progressive and rare genetic brain disease that impacts an individual's ability to walk or talk. Three months later, Keira, Olivia's younger sister, received the same diagnosis as a newborn.



Keira and Olivia Riley were both diagnosed with Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD), a highly progressive and rare genetic brain disease. (Goldwater Institute)

"When we first got Olivia and Keira's diagnosis, honestly, we didn't know there was an option," Kendra Riley, Olivia and Keira's mother, told Fox News Digital.

Assistance was available for Keira, but that treatment was more than 6,000 miles away in Italy, requiring the family to raise money in an effort to make the trip to receive the life-saving gene therapy treatment — a treatment that lacked approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

"We had to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars in a month's time, plus get the girl's passports and visa's during a pandemic, no less, which is a whole other story," Riley said. "We looked into Right to Try when we first were exploring options, but unfortunately it didn't cover what our situation needed, especially because we had so little time on our hands. It was a literal race against time to get Keira this treatment she needed before symptoms started occurring."



Kendra Riley, Olivia and Keira's mother, said Olivia's disease progressed rapidly and within 90 days of symptom onset, she lost the ability to walk or talk. (Goldwater Institute)

Kendra said Olivia's disease progressed rapidly, and within 90 days of symptom onset, she lost the ability to walk or talk. Because she was already experiencing symptoms, Olivia was not eligible for the same treatment as Keira.

Thanks to the treatment, Keira's mother said she is "doing things that we never got to see Livvy do."



Kendra and Keira Riley. (Goldwater Institute)

"She's running. She's climbing. She's having full conversations with us," Riley said. "She's enrolled in preschool for the fall. These are really great, everyday things for normal parents, but for us, they're huge, huge milestones that we didn't get to see with Livvy. So it's really, really heartwarming to see that happen for Keira. And it's all because of this treatment."

"It's odd to say we're lucky that everything came together as it did, and we made it to Italy, but I mean, of course, I feel like as an American citizen, or literally any human, should have the option of getting access to the one treatment in the world that could save their life," Riley added.



Kendra and Olivia Riley. (Goldwater Institute)

"What we've been through to save our daughter's life is not something I want another family to have to go through," Riley said. "To think of a child at 8 months old could potentially die by 6, but there's an option, one option in the entire globe that could save their life," she said. "I want other families to have that ability to have that one option and not have to raise hundreds of thousands of dollars and move across the globe to get it."

Following the Riley family's journey, they are now urging lawmakers in Arizona to pass the Goldwater Institute's Right to Try for Individualized Treatments reform. The initiative builds off the original [Right to Try](#) law, which was signed into law in May 2018 by former President Trump and, according to the [FDA](#), is a "way for patients who have been diagnosed with life-threatening diseases or conditions who have tried all approved treatment options and who are unable to participate in a [clinical trial](#) to access certain unapproved treatments."

Goldwater Executive Vice President Christina Sandefur said, it "is unconscionable that an American patient has to travel to another country, to Europe, in order to be able to get access to a treatment that could save their lives."



Goldwater Executive Vice President Christina Sandefur (Goldwater Institute)

With bipartisan support, the reform effort has passed the Arizona Senate and the House Health and Human Services Committee. It will soon make its way to the House floor for a vote.

"Now it's time for Right to Try 2.0, which will give hope to a new generation of families — families for whom the original, traditional treatments just won't work, families who are out of options and need the best, most cutting-edge medicines out there," Sandefur said. "That's why we need Right to Try 2.0."

There are Right to Try laws in place already in more than 40 states in America, according to [RightToTry.org](#).

Read the full Fox News article [here](#).

[SB1163](#) is just waiting for a final House floor vote. "Confident this Legislature will act, but families are waiting!" - Senator Nancy Barto

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To: [Warren Petersen](#)
Subject: Interview Request on Maricopa County Audit
Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 10:54:38 AM

Senator Petersen, I am writing a story for The Daily Signal about the Maricopa County audit and I hoped you might be available this week for a brief phone interview as the audit appears close to wrapping up.

Please let me know if you would be available. Please let me know.

Thank you.

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HCR 2001 FAQ

"Stop Critical Race Theory and Racial Discrimination in Schools Act"

What does HCR 2001 do?

The measure prohibits Arizona public agencies from instituting race-based policies in hiring, admissions, and promotion decisions to ensure that state agencies treat all students and job candidates equally regardless of skin color.

The measure also stops public educational institutions from using race-based political litmus tests to screen out qualified teachers and other applicants who fail to commit to race-based, ideological activism.

Why is this necessary?

Proponents of CRT are actively using euphemisms such as “diversity, equity, and inclusion” (DEI) to push for race-based policies in hiring and operations of our public schools.

The Biden administration has issued executive orders that call for replacing the principles of “equal opportunity” in hiring decisions with practices that are racially “equitable,” and recently proposed new guidance pressuring charter schools to incorporate de facto racial quotas in their operations. HCR 2001 will ensure that such efforts are not used to pressure or permit Arizona schools to implement race-based discrimination in their operations.

Why send this to the ballot?

Arizona voters enshrined a ban on affirmative action and state-sanctioned racial discrimination in the Arizona state constitution in 2010 (also via a ballot measure), but this language left the door open to schools and universities seeking to circumvent its intent through an exemption for public institutions that receive federal funding.

The Arizona state constitution also includes a ban on “political tests” in public educational institutions, but the existing language is being evaded by proponents of CRT. Amending these sections of the state constitution requires voter approval.

Do Arizona voters support the measure?

Yes, overwhelmingly. [May 2022 polling](#) found 82% of Arizona voters agree that public schools and universities should NOT give preferential treatment to students and employees based upon race, and 88% agreed that public educational institutions should hire teachers based upon teaching ability, not political ideology.

Recent national polling from Pew has similarly found that 74% of voters agree that race and ethnicity should not influence college admission decisions.

The Stop Critical Race Theory and Racial Discrimination in Schools Act is currently in Senate Rules. For more information, including [recent polling](#) or general information, please contact me at jbentley@goldwaterinstitute.org.

Best,
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Fact Sheet: Stop CRT & Racial Discrimination in Schools & Other Public Institutions Act

Sponsor: Representative Kaiser
HCR 2001

In 2010, Arizona voters ratified—*by a 19 point margin*¹—a constitutional amendment to ban racial discrimination (including so-called “affirmative action”) policies from our public institutions.

However, attempts are being made to circumvent this language under the banners of “racial justice,” “anti-racism,” “diversity, equity and inclusion” and other similarly benign sounding slogans that are being used to undermine the state’s constitutional guarantee of equal, color-blind treatment for all.

While Arizona lawmakers have taken steps to protect kids from *instruction* in “critical race theory” (CRT), this measure stops the *application* of CRT as well. As its own founders have declared, “unlike some academic disciplines, critical race theory contains an activist dimension. ... It sets out not only to ascertain how society organizes itself along racial lines and hierarchies, but to transform it” in a manner that rejects “neutral principles of constitutional law.”²

At the same time, this resolution will stop dead in its tracks a new tactic being used to block aspiring teachers from serving in our schools unless they profess allegiance to a racialized political agenda. As the national journal *Education Week* recently reported, “school districts are increasingly asking teacher-candidates questions about cultural competency, race, and equity during the application and interview process”³— questions that scholars note are functioning as “ideological litmus tests” and “loyalty oaths” to screen out insufficiently progressive candidates,⁴ including at one public university that used them in “reject[ing] 76 percent of qualified applicants without even considering their teaching skills” or “their potential for academic excellence.”⁵

To address these issues and empower Arizona voters to reject racial discrimination—even in its newest forms—this resolution will refer to the ballot a simple set of constitutional provisions that would:

- Close the loophole in the state constitution’s ban on racially discriminatory “affirmative action” policies that allows the federal government to pressure our state institutions into practicing racial discrimination.
- Require schools to treat students equally in matters of discipline rather than basing punishments on the race of the students.
- Prevent students from being excluded from multicultural or other on-campus spaces on account of their race.
- End the taxpayer funded practice of screening out aspiring educators who are insufficiently dedicated to the progressive vision of racial activism and “equity.”

This resolution upholds the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and the Arizona State Constitution by ending state-sanctioned racial discrimination within our public educational institutions.

¹ <https://azcapitoltimes.com/news/2010/11/05/2010-ballot-measures-results/>

² https://jordandinstituteoffamilies.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Delgado_and_Stefancic_on_Critical_Race_Theory.pdf

³ <https://www.edweek.org/leadership/districts-are-trying-to-screen-out-racial-biases-during-teacher-job-interviews-heres-how/2021/12>

⁴ <https://freebeacon.com/campus/study-diversity-statements-required-for-one-fifth-of-academic-jobs/>

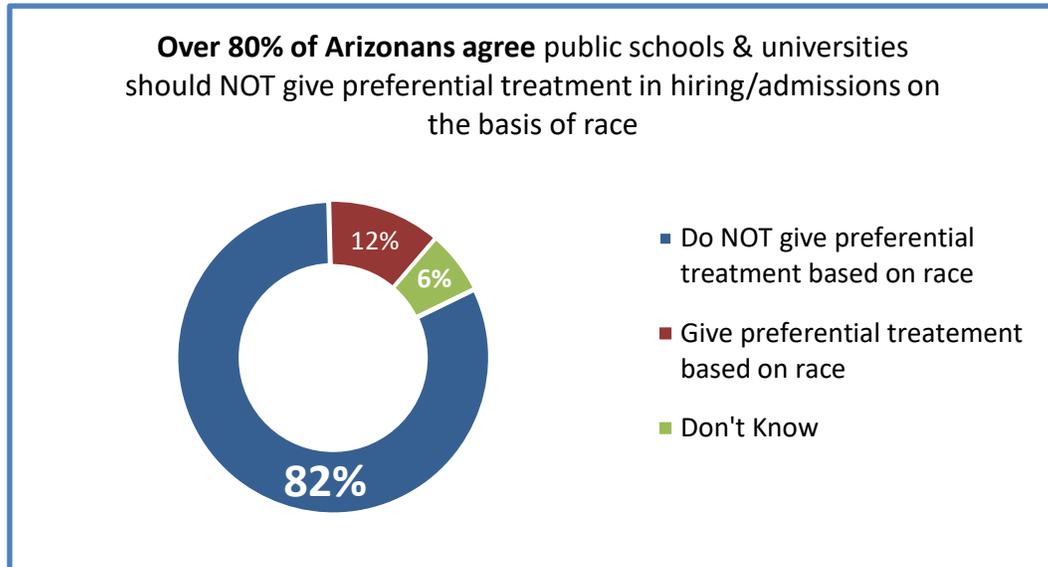
⁵ <https://reason.com/2020/02/03/university-of-california-diversity-initiative-berkeley/>

4 out of 5 Arizonans support HCR 2001

Statewide polling conducted May 2022

✓ **82% of Arizonans agree that public schools and universities should NOT give preferential treatment to students and employees based upon race, including:**

- 93% of Republicans
- 85% of Independents/Other
- 63% of Democrats



✓ **78% of Arizonans oppose the implementation of Critical Race Theory (CRT) on campus;** Only 10% support the implementation of CRT; 12% were unsure.

