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# Kamala Harris Lies About Florida's Slavery Curriculum

Vice President Kamala Harris attacked Florida's new <u>State Academic Standards</u> on Thursday, claiming the education guidelines are "revisionist history" teaching that "enslaved people benefited from slavery." Harris shared her harsh views while speaking at a convention for the traditionally black sorority Delta Sigma Theta Inc.

"Extremists are pushing forward revisionist history. They insult us in an attempt to gaslight us, and we will not stand for it," Harris <u>tweeted.</u>

The vice president continued her assault on the Florida State Board of Education's new curriculum on Friday while <u>speaking</u> at an event in Jacksonville, where she called the state leaders "extremists" who have "dared to ban books" and "passed a law, 'Don't Say Gay,' trying to instill fear in our teachers that they should not live their full life and love who they love."



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Harris continued her rampage:

And now, on top of all of that, they want to replace history with lies. Middle school students in Florida [are] to be told that enslaved people benefited from slavery.... High schoolers may be taught that victims of violence, of massacres were also perpetrators.

I said it yesterday: They insult us in an attempt to gaslight us — and we will not have it. And we will not have it. And, you know, as parents, we teach our children to tell the truth. It's one of the first things we teach our children: love and honor their parents, their God, and tell the truth. We teach our children not only to tell the truth, but to seek knowledge and truth.

What exactly was Harris talking about? According to <u>BizPacReview.com</u>:

What Harris was referring to was the sentence, "Instruction includes how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit" which appeared twice in the densely packed 216-page document, a line that lying politicians and activists in the media exaggerated and distorted to mischaracterize the entirety of the new academic standards.

How Harris turned that one sentence into her politically propagandized attempt at building an illusion of truth didn't bode well with those who went on a fact-checking mission.



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CNN's Scott Jennings reportedly questioned the vice president's comments during Sunday morning's edition of *State of the Union*.

BizPacReview <u>continued</u>:

Following remarks by CNN political contributor Karen Finney, a former senior advisor for Hillary Clinton's doomed 2016 campaign who sang Harris's praises for having "channeled what people are feeling" with her "best moment" about slavery being beneficial, Jennings jumped in.

"Well, it's amazing to me that how little Kamala Harris has to do that she can read something on Twitter one day and be on an airplane the next to make something literally out of nothing. This is a completely made-up deal," he said, as the look on Finney's face turned sour.

"I looked at the standards, I even looked at an analysis of the standards, in every instance where the word slavery or slave was used. I even read the statement of the African American scholars that wrote the standards," he continued. "Not Ron DeSantis, but the scholars. Everybody involved in this says this is completely a fabricated issue and yet look at how quickly Kamala Harris jumped on it. So, the fact that this is her best moment, a fabricated matter, is pretty ridiculous in my opinion."

The truth is, as <u>National Review</u> reported on Friday, that Harris' statement "is a brazen lie. It's an astonishing lie. It's an *evil* lie. It is so untrue — so deliberately and cynically misleading — that, in a sensible political culture, Harris would be obligated to issue an apology."

*National Review* also dug deep into Florida's new curriculum seeking the truth — or at least a basis for Harris' comments. The article's author struggled, stating, "I have been trying to work out how best to illustrate the sheer scale of Harris's falsehood, and I've come to the conclusion that the only way to achieve it is to list in one place all the relevant parts of the course about which she is complaining."

The part of the curriculum covering the supposed "revised" African American History is quite comprehensive, including the slave trade, farming practices, slave revolts, indentured servitude, congressional actions regarding the institution of slavery, Buffalo soldiers, the underground railroad, the 13th and 14th amendments, and more.

With the full spectrum of the history listed, Harris could only find one sentence that she could deliberately choose to label as extremist and revisionist history: "Instruction includes how slaves developed skills which, in some instances, could be applied for their personal benefit."

From there she proceeded with her contrived left-wing propaganda campaign. It is in line with the saying "repeat a lie often enough and it becomes the truth." Which by the way, is often attributed to Nazi Joseph Goebbels.



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