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Combating Racist Training in the Military Act of 2021

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Chamber: Senate

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** AR • **Chamber:** Senate

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| Sen. Sullivan, Dan [R-AK] | R · AK | | Sep 13, 2021 |

Committee Activity

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| Armed Services Committee | Senate | Referred To | Mar 25, 2021 |

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Armed Forces and National Security

Related Bills

| Bill | Relationship | Last Action |
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| 117 HR 3134 | Related bill | May 12, 2021: Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services. |

Combating Racist Training in the Military Act of 2021

This bill prohibits the Armed Forces and academic institutions of the Department of Defense from promoting specified anti-American and racist theories (e.g., that any race is inherently superior or inferior to any other race).

Specifically, the bill prohibits

- including anti-American and racist theories or materials in curricula, reading lists, seminars, workshops, trainings, or other educational or professional settings in a manner that could appear as sponsorship, approval, or endorsement;
- contracting with, hiring, or otherwise engaging speakers, consultants, diversity trainers, and other persons for the purpose of advocating anti-American and racist theories;
- compelling members of the Armed Forces to affirm or profess belief in anti-American and racist theories; and
- segregating members of the Armed Forces by race in any setting, including educational and training sessions.

Actions Timeline

- **Mar 25, 2021:** Introduced in Senate
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