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Welcome to the Got Questions podcast. As our listeners know, we occasionally bring on a special guest to talk about an issue that we're getting a lot of questions about. And our guest today is John Amanchukwu, the author of *Erased Uncovering the Lies of Critical Race Theory and Abortion*. So, John, welcome to the show today.

John Amanchukwu

Thank you so much for having me. It's a blessing to be on with you, Shea.

Shea Houdmann

So John, tell our listeners just a little bit about yourself, your background, and what led you to write *Erased*?

John Amanchukwu

So my full name I'll give that to you. It's John Coniglio Chukwu Amanchukwu Senior. My middle name Cania Chuku, means I will keep trusting and pleading in the Lord and Amanchukwu means, I know God and I'm blessed to know that and at the age of 19, I gave my life to Christ, so I am a believer. And I do know God.

John Amanchukwu

As it relates to why I wrote the book *Erased* and just a little bit about my background. I was born in Elizabeth City, NC, a small town on the coast of North Carolina. At the age of about five, my mother moved us from Elizabeth City, NC, to Raleigh, NC, where we lived in a shelter for nearly a year. It was myself, along with my three other siblings. Didn't grow up on the right side of the track you know. According to critical race theory, I was destined for ruins. You know, but I know of countless people who were born into meeker means, and into poverty, but they were able to realize what we called the American Dream. And that has been the case for me and for all of my siblings. And so God is a deliverer, and you know, there are many opportunities that that are provided in this country, if you would just take advantage of them.

John Amanchukwu

As ways to the book during the summer of 2020 as we watched Democratic governors and mayors tell their law enforcement to stand back and to defund the police. We witnessed anarchists, BLM, and Antifa rule the night as they ruled through anarchy and burning down buildings and marching through the streets after the death of George Floyd. From that time period, I was working at one of the largest abortion clinics in the Southeast. And on a Saturday morning I went out to the abortion clinic and a father approached me while I was on the side of the street, praying and witnessing to mothers, a father approached me, a black father, and he said why are you out here fighting a white man's issue? And in that moment, you know, I was just alarmed and taken aback by the question that he posed to me.

John Amanchukwu

On that Saturday morning 70% of the people outside trying to save the babies were white, and nearly 80 to 85% of the mothers in the clinic on that Saturday morning were black. But this father is going to ask me why am I fighting a white man issue? And if I were to ask him what was the definition of critical race theory, I doubt that he could tell me what the definition was, however, he was a walking poster child for all things CRT because he viewed that my existence down there in an abortion clinic trying to save babies, not just white babies, or black babies, or Asian babies, or Pacific Islander babies, or Hispanic babies, or other babies, but babies in general. He viewed my being there as something that was racist and or racial. Critical Race theory has done a number on our society and as we've seen it matriculate from colleges is now into preschools, and elementary schools, and middle schools, and high schools, and everyone talking about CRT. And I really want people to know today that critical race theory is racism. Or it is racist to view whites as inherently racist.

Shea Houdmann

That's obviously in the past few years I don't know that much of anyone had ever heard of critical race theory up until the last several years. But it's been something that's constant and it's something that we really want to strive like, what actually is it? It can. Different people define it differently. But just before we kind of jump into the conversation further, but I really want to ask you about the connections between critical race theory and abortion. But how? How do you define critical race theory?

John Amanchukwu

Critical race theory believes that whites are inherently racist. I like to say that critical race theory is the Jim Crow era in reverse. Blacks are now doing to whites what was once done to them. It was wrong in slavery during the slavery period and through the 1960s for blacks to be demonized as individuals who were ignorant just because of the color of their skin, and they were forced to drink at separate water fountains, and they couldn't use certain public transportation, and they couldn't integrate into public schools. All of those things were wrong. That's the Jim Crow era. But now, today, blacks are now trying to do to whites what was once done to them by by labeling them as racist because of the color of their skin and trying to label them in a negative way because of something as trivial as your skin tone. You know, I believe that racism is not a color or a skin tone. It is sin. The Bible says in Romans 3 and 23. that all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. And by sin there is talking about sin in general. It's talking about fornication, adultery, drunkenness, lasciviousness, all kinds of sin. Wherever you can list is included within sin there in Romans 3 and 23. But also it deals with racism. And racism will not be annihilated, and or done away with, until Jesus Christ comes back. And so its not a skin tone.

John Amanchukwu

It's racist for me to view whites as solely as the racist ethnic group in society. Blacks can be racist. Hispanics can be racist. Whites can be racist. All colors, all creeds, all nationalities can choose to sin. And we have to get back to understanding that racism is not a skin tone. It is sin and we should address it where it is. But we can't go around labeling people groups as inherently racist.

John Amanchukwu

Also, CRT is deemed to be everywhere and at all time, in all interactions and in all manners. Racism is there because CRT says that it is. It's also a tool that had been taught for many years in colleges. But over the process of time and through the ideologies of those who are woke, through woke liberation theology and through those who would seek to race bait and be race hustlers. Individuals like Reverend Jesse Jackson and Reverend Al Sharpton and Raphael Warnock, people like that. They found ways to make a critical race theory, along with a Kimberly Crenshaw, something that was mainstream. And so today we see critical race theory even taught in our public schools. And there would be people who would tell you, you know, those who are on the left, they will tell you no, it's not taught in public schools. We don't discuss it, you know, but whenever you, whenever you probe into the diversity, equity, and inclusion courses that are being taught and this whole anti racism doctrine that came from Ibram Kendi who believes that the best way to deal with past racism is present racism, when you begin to dissect these teachings you see that this is truly critical race theory, which is a lens on how to govern all areas of society and all systems, and to paint them as skewed in favor of the majority of the majority i.e white people.

Shea Houdmann

Well said. I've done a lot of reading on critical race theory and wokeism and all the things have been going on with cultures. I really want to understand how people get to that mindset. But I'm reading some of these books. I don't have a name some of them, but I don't want anyone since want other people to go out and read them. But to the point that for racism, it'll always been defined as viewing someone or treating someone poorly based on the color of their skin. And that's not a perfect definition. It's basically, it's been understand, understood for most of human history and now it's been adjusted to well you can only be racist if you have those feelings and you're in a position of power to do something about it. And like, we can't just start changing definitions like that. I mean I I entirely agree that there is still racism in the country and that some of the institutions in our country are still have some issues they need to deal with to treat people with equality, but to say you can't be racist unless you can actually use that power over another person. That's not what racism has ever been defined as.

John Amanchukwu

Right. And you know when you consider the continents and or countries that are the most racist today. That still have slavery, you know, as a part of their framework, you know, you if you had to pick the number one continent or country that's leading the pack in that, yeah, it would be Africa. Go figure. Right. Today, today, there are many who are still enslaved on the continent of Africa. When we think about the the transatlantic slave trade and slavery and blacks getting to America to be sold as slaves, who sold them into slavery? Right. Whites, you know, the colonizers didn't have it didn't have any slaves to sale. Someone had to sell them. And it was other black, more Africans who sold them into slavery to get blacks to America in the 1st place. I was in Manitou. I'm saying that right. Mana Manitou Springs or Manitou Springs, Colorado this past week speaking for Summit ministries, and I had a conversation with some students there. And there was one student in particular who was mixed, and I was doing a teaching on critical race theory. You know his father black, mother white. And you know according to CRT, if you are white then you're inherently racist. So how about the student or the child that's mixed. Are they 50% racist? When you follow it to its logical conclusion, you find out that critical race theory is not a lens that schools, and in particular the church, should use. We should use the gospel. The Bible says that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, you know, and I I tell you what. If we do that well, I

believe that we would do away with all of these \$5 cheap woke terms. And we won't need critical race theory for anything if we just use the scriptures. You know, we're not. We're not supposed to render evil for evil, right? Nor railing for railing. Accusation for accusation. But the Bible says, on the contrary we're supposed to bless. You know, we're supposed to overcome evil with good. We're not supposed to use an evil lens called critical race theory as a means of dealing with racism. It's not going to work. You know, the Bible is more current than tomorrow's newspaper. God knew that there would come a time, a time and this in in history where we would hear about terms like critical race theory. We have to deal with the George Floyd's, and the the BLMs, and the Brianna Taylor's, and the Michael Brown's. God knew that, but he gave us his word and he let us know clearly you know that there's neither Jew, nor Greek, there's neither male, nor female, but we are all one. He did away with all of that, and that we are also one blood. And so instead of focusing on trivial things that it calls disunity, it's best that we unite on the fact that in Christ we are one and one blood.

Shea Houdmann

Amen, well said. If I had known you were in Manitou Springs last week, I would come up and heard you 'cause I'm, I'm in Colorado Springs, so right right next door that next time you're in town, definitely let me know. I'd love to get together with you and take you out to lunch. So as you know with the recent Roe versus Wade overturning by the Supreme Court, I'm getting tons and tons of questions about abortion so let's jump into that briefly. What is the connection between CRT and abortion? This subtitle your book uncovering the lies of critical race theory and abortion. So what do you see? What are the connections? And why is that the abortion issue such a passionate one for you?

John Amanchukwu

Thank you so much. Critical race theory and abortion are both steeped in racism. They all, they both come from the poisonous plant of racism. OK, critical race theory, the ideology to view someone as racist because of their skin color. That's racism. The abortion movement which was enacted and started by Margaret Sanger, who who was a eugenicist who did not believe that blacks were worthy of existing. She did not want the word to get out that she wanted to exterminate the black population. She called blacks human weeds, which kind of sounds like the same kind of rhetoric that Hillary Clinton used when she said that blacks were were professional never do wells, you know. Really when you look at the abortion industry and where it is today. Even through Planned Parenthood, the majority of your obituaries are found in economically disadvantaged areas. 70 to 80% of these clinics are found in black communities. They are situated there as a easy tactic of causing blacks to desire to abort their own. The option for the black community is not so much to keep their child and to raise their children and to work hard. And no the the answer is hey if you have sex, and you get pregnant, go to your local Planned Parenthood clinic, clinic and abort your baby. And Margaret Sanger was an evil, just dastardly individual who strategically used abortion as a means of destroying the black community, and she said that she was going to use the black minister to assist her in doing so if it ever occurred to any of the more rebellious blacks who did not want to support the abortion movement.

John Amanchukwu

I believe that whether a person knows it or not, or whether or not they even agree with what I'm about to say, if you are pro abortion, you're also pro racism. When you consider the foundation of the eugenics movement and Margaret Sanger's ideologies, yeah, you know. It wasn't until the summer of

2020 that Margaret Sanger's name was removed from the prestigious, you know, her noteworthy clinic in New York, the Margaret Sanger Planned Parenthood clinic. It wasn't till the summer of 2020 that Planned Parenthood said you know what she was a racist and we're going to remove her name from Planned Parenthood. But here's the here's the reality. You can remove her name, but her mission still exists. You know, blacks only make up 13% of the overall population in this country, but black women make up 8% of that and black men represent 5%. But of the women who are ovulating and who can still have children, that's about 3 to 4% of black women. But three to 4% of black women make up nearly 38 to 40% of the overall abortions in our country.

John Amanchukwu

When you look at statistics for the black population, our numbers are not increasing. We are dying and according to a pastor by the name of clip Clinard Childress. He said that by 2038, if we don't slow down the trend of abortion in the black community and blacks will be in a category where they may be extinct and we're not having children at replacement levels. OK. And that needs to cease. If we can call, I mean, you know, everyone likes to talk about racism today. And being woke. The Black Lives Matter movement. You know, they're so involved and on the front lines of making sure white officers don't gun down black men and women. But however, when you look at those same institutions, they say nothing about the leading cause of death in our country. The leading cause of death is not a white officer placing his knee on the back of a person's neck. Leading cause of death in our country is not cancer, or tragic accidents, or heart disease. No, it's not even the coronavirus. It's abortion and you have to ask yourself why? Why isn't the Black Lives Matter movement or even the NAACP why aren't they concerned about scaling back the number of black babies that are being aborted in our country? You know, there was a time when Reverend Jesse Jackson called abortion genocide, but when it came time for him to run for the office of the Presidency, he sold his community down a river. He switched sides, and he won't even call it a genocide. You know, they'll call it reproductive health care or reproductive justice, you know. And there was no justice in robbing a baby in the womb of his or her rights. Their constitutional right. You know, there can be no rights in this nation if there's not the right to life. And so I fused those two areas of racism together in this book to open up the eyes of the black community and to open up the eyes of the white community. So that both will see that they're both racist, but to deal with them together, going back and forth throughout this book to highlight those issues.

Shea Houdmann

And say to our listeners, Erased is a excellent book, so pick up a copy. That's eye opening. A lot of this stuff that since it's been such a huge topic in our culture for past several years, those are familiar with. But the way John ties it together and just it was eye opening he was awakening in in in the good sense for me too. Like, wow, I've never really thought of these things in that same angle before. So highly recommended. Definitely pick up a copy. Let's let's jump into we're brothers in Christ here our focus is on people's souls, on pointing people to Christ is the answer to their sin problem. This sin it causes people to be racist and to value their own personal freedom, reproductive freedom over the lives of babies, but how do we reflect the light of Christ to people in such a way that they can come to a more biblical worldview when it comes to racism and abortion?

John Amanchukwu

You don't love your neighbor as yourself. Do unto others as you would have them to do unto you. You know racism is propagated oftentimes in home. You know my my son John Junior, the my youngest son. You know I I have a my oldest son is John Patrick, middle child Pamela and the youngest is John Junior. So there are three Johns in my house. First, John. Second John. Third John. It's all divinely inspired, but don't try that at home. But John Junior, when he goes out and he plays at preschool, you know there's never a focus on skin tone or color. You know, children don't think like that. It's not until parents and adults come along and give people a bias. Give children a bias or prejudice towards other nationalities. I believe that every every Christian believer should fight racism, true racism where it exists. And there's a brother or sister who's talking in a condescending way about a group of people because of the way they wear their hair, because of the vehicles they drive, because of the side of town that they're on, whatever, whatever nuanced thing. You know, we had first first Lady Jill Biden today. She was given a speech and she referenced tacos in talking about the Hispanic community. And she did it in a condescending way and it was very embarrassing. You know, it's imperative that as Christian brothers, Christian brothers and sisters, that we fight these things where they exist and where they arise, we say something about it. We should. We should have black preachers preaching against critical race theory. We should, yeah. Even though it greatly impacts our white brothers more. But if I'm a good Christian brother, I should address critical race theory, right? Because it's the godly and the holy thing and a holy and righteous thing to do. Also our white brothers should address these cases of true racism, whether it's through law enforcement or even through the abortion movement, we should speak up about it. We should talk about it. We should have something to say. And I believe that if we create this culture where we are all truly one in Christ. I quoted it earlier, but let me give it to you again. It's Acts 17 at 26 the Bible says and hath made of one blood, all nations of men, for to dwell on all the face of the earth. And have determined the times before appointed and the bounds of their habitation. God did that. You know when you pull back this layer of skin, we all bleed red. You know, and it's imperative that we put the focus there.

John Amanchukwu

And here's another thing, although there are differences and or preferences in communities, just because a certain people group has that they're different or they have different preferences, it doesn't make that community deficient. You know, preferences are not always deficient. They're just different. You know, there's a certain way that, you know, the black community does our preparation of food. You know, there's differences in seasoning. There's differences in how we adorn ourselves, the hair and the hair texture of someone who's African Americans quite different than someone who's white. God did that, you know, although the Bible does say that God hairs like wool. You know, black peoples hair is more like wool. You know, God did that. He gave us this beautiful tapestry of differences and fades and skin tones, and it's imperative for us to honor every people group within them and not to create classism within these differences.

Shea Houdmann

Amen. So again, John well said. Let's close this interview with I wanted, since I love Erased so much, give me like the two-minute sales pitch on who is the book for and what what would you like people to learn from the book?

John Amanchukwu

So I would like everyone to know before you cast your vote in this upcoming election, you need to get a copy of this book. This book speaks to two critical areas that are dominating our culture today, abortion and critical race theory. And these issues are not going away until Jesus Christ comes back. Oftentimes you're hard pressed to find a pastor or preacher who will attack these issues head on, abortion or critical race theory. And so if you're looking for a way to understand what the Bible says about these issues, and if you want a factual and theologically driven standpoint and viewpoint of what the church should be doing, purchase this book. It's infused with Scripture and with true stories and factual arguments. You know each chapter has about 15 to 20 different citations. It's very sound, but it gets to the heart of these issues. Listen, racism will not be done away with until Christ returns. But when Christ comes back, he's not coming for black people solely. He's not coming for white people solely. He's coming back for every person who have named and professed the name of Christ. And we will see truly what heaven looks like when he comes back in the clouds. I don't know if it's gonna be Michael or Gabriel, but one day someone gonna blow a trumpet, and the Bible says that the dead in Christ shall be the first to rise, and we that are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet him in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. But in heaven you won't find a Hispanic section. You won't find a white section or a black section. Most of these woke terms that are driving our society today, you won't find them, but you will find are servants who have been deemed and stamped faithful by the blood of the lamb. And my prayer is that you will purchase a copy of Erased. If you go to a church and your pastors kinda, you know, flimsy or weak on these issues. Throw a copy of this book into them, maybe they'll find something in this book or even bring me in. You can go to JohnAmanchukwu.com and you can bring me in and book me as a speaker and I'll come in and share the true gospel and talk about true racism and help your congregation deal with these issues.

Shea Houdmann

Just for listeners to know, one of the things I love most about Erased is how, like you said, infused with Scripture it is, a scripture throughout every major point that you make is backed by Scripture. And if you want to learn more about John and the ministry God's called him to and the book Erased we'll include links and the the show notes for this episode on the description field on YouTube and the video goes live. And also [@podcast.GotQuestions.org](https://podcast.GotQuestions.org). So again John, thank you for being on the show. I really enjoyed our conversation. Again, Erased is a phenomenal book. Highly recommended.

John Amanchukwu

Thank you so much Shea. Thank you for having me.

Shea Houdmann

All right, it's been the Got Questions podcast. Got Questions? The Bible has answers. We'll help you find them.