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1) ■BREAKING: Parents file lawsuit against Villa Duchesne High School for "intentional racial discrimination" against white students, and using "coercion, intimidation, and threats" to indoctrinate students into Critical Race Theory.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS
STATE OF MISSOURI

DAD DOE, MOM DOE, and DAUGHTER DOE,	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	Cause No.
vs.	)	Division
VILLA DUCHESNE,	)	
Serve at: SPRA Corp. 120 S. Central, Suite 1600 Clayton, MO 63105	)	
MICHAEL BABER,	)	
Serve at: 801 South Spoede Road St. Louis, MO 63131	)	
JEANNIE STEENBERGE,	)	
Serve at: 801 South Spoede Road St. Louis, MO 63131	)	
MESHO MORROW,	)	
Serve at: 801 South Spoede Road St. Louis, MO 63131	)	
THERESA WISS,	)	
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EMILY KAPLAN,	)	
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2) Students were told that all white people are racist because they're white, and that black students should "be free from discipline regardless of their behavior."

Villa Duchesne, an elite college preparatory girls Catholic high school, engages in overt and intentional racial discrimination against its Caucasian students including Daughter herein by encouraging and facilitating race-based aggression against her promulgated by African American fellow students and through the use of coercion, intimidation, and threats by faculty and administrators to attempt to force Daughter to adopt or espouse the political philosophies of Critical Race Theory, including but not limited to attempts to indoctrinate Daughter into the concept that all Caucasians are racists by virtue of being Caucasian and that African American students should be free from discipline regardless of their behavior. That such acts on the part of

3) Plaintiff's daughter was subjected to "verbal attacks, and physical threats, social ostracism, false imprisonment, permanent damage to her reputation, and severe and continuing emotional and psychiatric injury."

students should be free from discipline regardless of their behavior. That such acts on the part of Defendants were done intentionally to try to enforce Daughter's conformity with the political philosophy of Critical Race Theory and acknowledge her own "racism" by knowingly and recklessly subjecting Daughter to verbal attacks and physical threats, social ostracism, false imprisonment, permanent damage to her reputation, and severe and continuing emotional and psychiatric injury.

4) In October a student claimed that the Plaintiff's daughter had stood up in class, pointed to a black student and said "Black Lives Do NOT Matter!"

However, the class where this vent allegedly took place was videotaped, and upon review no such event had occurred.

21. That on or about October 10, 2020, Daughter was informed by a fellow student, that one of the three African American students in her class (hereafter "A.S.") stated that Daughter

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had stood up in class, pointed in the face of the African American student A.S., stared her in the eyes, and said "Black Lives Do NOT Matter!"

22. That as the result of such statement declared by A.S., numerous students at Villa Duchesne began to call Daughter a racist and various fellow students made threats of personal and bodily injury against Daughter to "teach her a lesson" because she was "such a racist".

23. That subsequent to the statements of A.S., a second African American student ("J.M."), made threats of physical violence against Daughter including that she "needs to get smacked in the face" and that they were "gonna jump her in the parking lot".

24. That at the time and place that A.S. alleged that Daughter had made the comment "Black Lives Do NOT Matter", the class was video recorded and the class was attended by Defendant Wiss, a member of the faculty of Villa Duchesne as well as other students.

25. Daughter never made such statement or any racial statement whatsoever, which was demonstrated on the video of the class and Wiss, who was present throughout such class, was fully aware thereof and also knew that A.S., in accusing Daughter of such statement was, in fact, lying and defaming Daughter's reputation.

5) Following the accusations, the plaintiff's daughter was "subject to enormous social ridicule and threats of personal violence."

During a meeting, the principal and a faculty member allowed a black student to aggressively verbally berate the daughter, without intervention.

26. Thereafter, being subject to enormous social ridicule and threats of personal violence, Daughter e-mailed Steenberge to report the false accusation and the threats, without response.

27. Daughter met with Steenberge on October 13, 2020 and further reported to Steenberge the racially charged lie that A.S. had made against her, that threats of personal violence had been made against her, that there had been threats of vandalism against her home, and that her home had, in fact, been vandalized as the result of the false accusations made against her by A.S.

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28. That on that same day, a meeting was set up for Daughter, Wiss (the faculty member who knew that the alleged racist comment had not occurred), along with A.S., and Steenberge.

29. Immediately prior to the commencement of such meeting, Daughter overheard A.S. and J.M. (another African American student) speaking in the stairwell and J.M. asked A.S. if she wanted her to come into the meeting and "face that bitch with you?"

30. That during the course of such meeting, A.S. was permitted by Wiss and Steenberge to be present, wherein A.S. called Daughter a liar, and denied that she, A.S., had ever made any statements about Daughter. A.S. then contradicted herself and admitted that she did, in fact tell people Daughter said "Black Lives do NOT Matter!" and further proceeded to call Daughter a "racist", "the biggest known racist in the school", declared that she was "in love with Trump", that her "screensaver, socks, poster are all Trump" and that "everyone knows that ALL Trump supporters are racist."

31. That during this interchange, A.S. was screaming at Daughter, pointing her finger in Daughter's face, and acting aggressively and violently, all which behavior was acquiesced in by Wiss and Steenberge, making them complicit in the defamation of Daughter.

6) Daughter had a Thin Blue Line sticker on her laptop that students mistook for a Blue Lives Matter sticker.

Faculty told daughter the sticker was racist and "made to crush the BLM movement," and that "simply having that sticker, you should expect to be treated like a racist."

32. A.S. was then permitted to scream into the face of Daughter alleging that an purported "Blue Lives Matter" sticker on Daughter's computer was further evidence of Daughter's racism and alleged that the mere fact that Daughter had that sticker was "devaluing her life and the lives of J.M." and a third African American student at Villa.

33. In the course of such meeting, Wiss stated to Daughter "you need to realize that having a Blue Lives Matter flag [in reality a thin blue line flag] is racist and that it was made to crush the BLM movement. Simply having that sticker, you should expect to be treated like a racist." Wiss further stated to Daughter that she, Daughter, could "never understand the pain of

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people of color" and that Daughter needed to "accept that fact." Wiss then asked A.S. if she would feel more comfortable if Daughter took the sticker off of her laptop and A.S. responded that that would not help and that Daughter "is still a racist and we all know it".

7) At another meeting, the principal told the daughter that "she was, in fact, a racist, that everyone who is white is a racist, and that 'we are all racists, we are white.'"

Other faculty insisted that the daughter "declare that she 'felt safe'" and "it was all in her head."

44. That during such meeting, Steenberge stated to Daughter that she was, in fact, a racist, that everyone who is white is a racist, and that "we are all racists, we are white".

45. Such October 23, 2020 meeting was primarily directed by Morrow, who in a loud and angry manner, and with repeated threatening "karate chopping" hand gestures towards Daughter, demanded that Daughter declare that she "felt safe", that the students who were witnesses to the false accusations, and witnesses to the falseness of the accusation, and witnesses to the physical threats were in fact "lying" and that Daughter was "over this" and that it was "all in her head".

8) After the daughter repeatedly refused to "admit" to falsehoods, the Dean of Student Excellence—an ardent BLM supporter—stated that they would not discipline the black students who has verbally abused, physically threatened, and defamed her on social media.

47. As the session progressed, and as Daughter refused to be coerced into "admitting" falsehoods, Morrow became more and more aggressive, threatening, and intense.

48. Morrow, who is an African American woman who physically displays BLM support materials at Villa Duchesne, stated that Villa Duchesne would not be issuing any discipline or

punishment to A.S. or J.M. even though both had made repeated physical threats against Daughter and A.S. had told a bigoted lie about Daughter and even posted defamatory racial statements against Daughter on social media.

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9) During this meeting, the daughter was "held against her will" and denied the opportunity to speak with her parents, to be represented by counsel, or leave, all the while being "verbally abused, coerced, and intimidated" by the Dean with the acquiescence of the principal.

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49. That Morrow and Steenberge stated that they had spoken to other student witnesses, and expressly disparaged the character and reputation for veracity of a fellow student. This student, who was publicly maligned by Morrow and Steenberge and called a liar in front of Daughter, merely acknowledged the false statements made by A.S., which A.S. had acknowledged making and verified that she did indeed hear A.S. and J.M. physically threaten Daughter.

50. During this event, Daughter was held against her will, denied the opportunity to speak with her parents, denied the opportunity to be represented by counsel, and denied the opportunity or freedom to leave, while being verbally abused, coerced, and intimidated by Morrow with the acquiescence of Steenberge.

10) After the meeting, the daughter endured more threats of violence from students, none of whom were disciplined.

"I'm gonna throw hands on this bitch"
"That bitch needs to get punched in the face"
"She needs to be beaten up"
"I'm sick of that racist bitch—we need to end her"

53. Subsequent to that session and in the ensuing days and weeks, Daughter continued being confronted and notified by numerous other students of further threats by A.S., including, but not limited to, being told statements by A.S. that "I told my Mom I'm ready to get expelled, I'm gonna throw hands on this bitch" while smacking her own fist in her other hand, as well as

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"that bitch needs to get punched in the face", "she needs to be beaten up" and "I'm sick of that racist bitch - we need to end her".

54. That as of the time of this filing, despite being armed with the actual knowledge that the statements attributed to Daughter by A.S. were, in fact, never made by Daughter, and that they were the fabrication of A.S., the school has not performed any meaningful investigation of the lying perpetrated by A.S., her false accusations against Daughter, her threats of violence and lies against Daughter, the vandalism perpetrated against Daughter's home, or the threats of violence made against Daughter by other members of her class, including by the other two African American students in her grade.

55. That A.S. is permitted to make repeated outbursts in class, storm out of classes, make racist and threatening comments, all without discipline and proudly proclaims "I'm not gonna get in trouble, I'm black".

11) Lawsuit claims the daughter's treatment violated the school's contract with parents to "provide a safe, supportive environment for learning" and to not discriminate based on race.

Instead of protecting the daughter from threats and violence, the school subjected her to more.

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COUNT I

COME NOW Dad, Mom, and Daughter, and for Count I of their Petition against Defendant Villa Duchesne would state as follows:

59. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege the material allegations of Paragraphs 1-58 hereinabove and incorporate the same herein by reference for all purposes.

60. That pursuant to the terms and conditions of the contractual relationship between Dad and Mom and Daughter (as an intended beneficiary thereof) on the one hand and Villa Duchesne on the other, Villa Duchesne promised to provide Daughter with "a safe, supportive environment for learning", "respect for [Daughter's] ideas" and "the same rights, privileges, programs, and activities" as students of "any race, color, national origin or ethnic origin". Pursuant to the Contract, Villa Duchesne further agreed to "not discriminate on any of these bases" in the administration of its "policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and athletic or other school administered programs".

61. In breach of such Contractual obligations, Villa Duchesne regularly and routinely discriminates against Caucasian students, specifically Daughter, in enforcing the code of discipline and conduct differently as compared to African American students, specifically A.S. and J.M.

62. That pursuant to the Contract, Villa Duchesne obligated itself to maintain "a safe, orderly, and welcoming environment for [Daughter], with immediate and vigorous response to any reports of possible danger."

63. That in breach of such contractual obligation, Villa Duchesne wholly failed to provide a safe, orderly, and welcoming environment for Daughter, and failed to immediately and vigorously respond to reports of possible danger.

12) Lawsuit claims that the acts by the faculty were meant to "coerce, intimidate, and threaten daughter into accepting and acknowledging a racist political ideology commonly referred to as 'Critical Race Theory,' unrelated to any scholastic purpose." And more:

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82. The above-referenced intentional tortious acts of Defendants Villa Duchesne, Baber, Steenberge, Morrow, Kaplan, and Wiss were done with the specific intent to coerce, intimidate, and threaten Daughter into accepting and acknowledging a racist political ideology commonly referred to as "Critical Race Theory", unrelated to any scholastic purpose.

83. That the above-referenced intentional tortious acts on the part of these Defendants were done for the sole purpose of modifying, by force if necessary, the political beliefs and/or affiliation of Daughter, and to force her to, at least, espouse overtly racist, anti-American, and anti-democratic political dogma.

84. The above-referenced intentional acts on the part of these Defendants were done knowingly, with the intent to cause emotional and physical harm to the Daughter, to, in fact, coerce, intimidate and frighten Daughter or, at a minimum, were done in conscious disregard for the likelihood of significant and imminent harm to Daughter, thereby subjecting such Defendants to punitive or exemplary damages.

13) The lawsuit claims that the meeting where the daughter was held against her will and subjected to abuse "constitutes false imprisonment in that they acted with the intent to confine Daughter within the principal's office against her will, to her detriment and damage."

96. That such behavior on the part of these Defendants constitutes false imprisonment in that they acted with the intent to confine Daughter within the principal's office against her will, to her detriment and damage.

97. That as a direct and proximate result of the above-referenced false imprisonment, Daughter has suffered extreme and irreparable social, emotional, and psychiatric injury, has suffered ongoing threats of physical harm, has witnessed vandalism to her home, has undergone

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counseling and other remedial treatment for the emotional distress she experienced, has lost faith in the educational system, in the integrity of her school, in the word of her administrators, and she no longer feels safe, welcomed, or a part of the school community where she has been a faithful and supportive student for five years.

98. That as a direct and proximate result of the above-referenced false imprisonment Daughter suffered and continues to suffer from extreme emotional and psychiatric distress, social stigmatism, social isolation, damage to her reputation, her family name, damage to her scholastic career, damage to her interpersonal relationships, damage to her personal reputation and integrity, and severe and ongoing fear of physical violence both at school and in her personal life.

14) The lawsuit further claims that the school's actions, by discriminating against the Plaintiff based on her race, violate The Constitution of Missouri, which states "that all persons are created equal and are entitled to equal rights and opportunities under the law."

100. That Article 1 Section 2 of The Constitution of Missouri states “that all persons are created equal and are entitled to equal rights and opportunity under the law”.

101. That Defendants, in their intentional and knowing discrimination against the Plaintiffs based on the race of Daughter, and their intentional disparate treatment of Daughter as compared to students of other races, violates the Plaintiffs’ rights guaranteed by The Constitution of the State of Missouri and are therefore wrongful and actionable.

15) Source: https://t.co/bk3CGjKfy5

16) DISCLAIMER: Just because one side has filed a claim with some facts in court, does not make those facts necessarily true. We will need to follow the details of the case as it progresses to get the whole story.