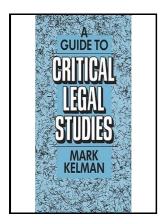
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# What is Critical Legal Studies? (with picture)

It weaponises the GRA, now an effective instrument of assimilation and containment. The founders of CLS borrowed from non-legal fields such as social theory, political philosophy, economics, and literary theory. In ideological terms, I consider that the juridical serves to reproduce and propagate two distinct ideologies — the currently hegemonic political ideology the current ideology of the political on the one hand, and the residual ideology of the juridical the juridical ideology, which is in fact the ideology of the legal form as such, on the other hand.

# THE CHARACTERISTICS OF CRITICAL LEGAL THEORY

The movement started in the 1970s and was strongly influenced by the political activism of the 1960s in the United States. There are three central contradictions in liberal thought: between a commitment to mechanically applicable rules and to standards that fluctuate with situations; between intrinsic individual values and the objective knowledge of ethical truths; and between free will and determinism.

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Influences Although CLS has been largely contained within the United States, it was influenced to a great extent by European philosophers, such as Karl Marx, Max Weber, Max Horkheimer, Antonio Gramsci, and Michel Foucault. Critical Legal Studies adherents claim that laws are used to maintain the of society's power structures; it is also held that the law is a codified form of society's biases against marginalized groups.

### Critical legal studies

Prominent participants in the CLS movement include , , , , , , , , Peter Fitzpatrick, , , , , , , and. Jacob Queen Last Modified Date: January 28, 2021 Critical legal studies is an intellectual and legal movement that questions the entire legitimacy of the Western legal approach. The law often treats individual petitioners as having full agency vis-à-vis their opponents.

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