Can't get right: We need to teach through, not about, Black historical experiences.

Since the 19th century, Black educators have sought to teach Black history in schools. Yet, as a society, we still cannot get it right. While we can blame political forces, even when we have friendly Black history policies, the narratives continue to be decontextualized and poorly written. There is a tendency to just uncritically infuse Black people in the narrative without little thought about their humanity. In other words, we teach about and not through Black people. In this presentation, we will engage with my Black history framework, which has been adopted in several school districts across the United States. We will focus on what happens when we take into account Black people’s humanity as history.

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