

Florida Governor **Ron DeSantis** has come under fire for his comments regarding the state's curriculum on slavery. The governor's remarks, which suggested that enslaved people could benefit from skills they developed, have been criticized by politicians across the political spectrum, including Vice President Kamala Harris and Republican Florida Rep. Byron Donalds.

**What Happened:** DeSantis defended the controversial curriculum during a campaign stop in Iowa on Thursday. He questioned Rep. Donalds' loyalty to the Florida Republican party, asking whether he would side with Vice President Harris and liberal media outlets or with the state of Florida. The governor has repeatedly insisted that the curriculum has been misrepresented by his political opponents, [Politico](#) reports.

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**Why It Matters:** Critics argue that DeSantis' defense of the curriculum and his comments on slavery could impact his standing in the polls. Despite these challenges, DeSantis remains confident in his campaign strategy and continues to position himself as a strong contender for the Republican nomination.

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