ARTICLES

America Is Racist. So What Do We Do Now? Activist Lawyer Bryan Stevenson Has Some Answers
Mary Kaye Schilling
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“Why I’m No Longer Talking to White People about Race”
René Eddo-Lodge
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Confronting racism is not about the needs and feelings of white people
Ijeoma Oluo
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Systematic Inequality - How America’s Structural Racism Helped Create the Black-White Wealth Gap
Angela Hanks, Danyelle Solomon, and Christian E. Weller
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Ta-Nehisi Coates
Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole.
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How the History of Blackface Is Rooted in Racism
Alexis Clark
History February 15, 2019
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White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/what-i-said-when-my-white-friend-asked-for-my-black_b_578c0770e4b0b107a2415b89

What’s My Complicity? Talking White Fragility with Robin DiAngelo
https://www.tolerance.org/magazine/summer-2019/whats-my-complicity-talking-white-fragility-with-robin-diangelo Also includes an embedded video interview

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Lynching in America: Confronting the Legacy of Racial Terror. Equal Justice Initiative

The Anti-Racist Revelations of Ibram X. Kendi. Washington Post Magazine, October 14, 2019

An Anti-Racist Reading List by Ibram Kendi

BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS

• The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness – Michelle Alexander
• White Fragility: Why It’s So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism – Robin DiAngelo
• So You Want to Talk About Race – Ijeoma Oluo
• How to be an Antiracist – Ibram X. Kendi
• The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated America – Richard Rothstein
• Stamped from the Beginning: The Definitive History of Racist Ideas in America – Ibram X. Kendi
• Barracoon by Zora Neale Hurston
• Between the World and Me – Ta-Nehisi Coates
• Ghosts in the Schoolyard: Racism and School Closings on Chicago’s South Side – Eve Ewing
• Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption - Bryan Stevenson
• Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America – Michael Eric Dyson
• The Other Wes Moore – Wes Moore
• The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation – Natalie Moore
• The Torture Machine: Racism and Police Violence in Chicago – Flint Taylor
• The Warmth of Other Suns – Isabel Wilkerson
• Waking up White & Finding Myself in the Story of Race – Debbie Irving
• White Rage – Carol Anderson
• Why are All the Black Children Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations About Race – Beverly Daniel Tatum
• Me and White Supremacy (book) and Me and White Supremacy: A 28-Day Challenge to Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor (workbook) leads readers through a journey of understanding their white privilege and participation in white supremacy, so that they can stop (often unconsciously) inflicting damage on black, indigenous and people of color, and in turn, help other white people do better, too. The book goes beyond the original workbook by adding more historical and cultural contexts, sharing moving stories and anecdotes, and includes expanded definitions, examples, and further resources. – Layla Saad
RACISM RESOURCES

• Dismantling Racism: A Resource Book for Social Change Groups

• The 1619 Project, a special issue of The New York Times Magazine, marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans to Jamestown, Virginia with a series of essays, images, stories, and poems that challenge readers to reframe their understanding of U.S. history by considering 1619 as the start of this nation’s story. Through over 30 visual and written pieces from historians, journalists, playwrights, poets, authors, and artists, the issue examines the following questions:
  1. How do societal structures developed to support the enslavement of black people, and the anti-black racism that was cultivated in the U.S. to justify slavery, influence many aspects of modern laws, policies, systems, and culture?
  2. How have resistance, innovation, and advocacy by black Americans over the course of American history contributed to the nation’s wealth and the strengthening of its democracy?

The Pulitzer Center has developed the 1619 Project Curriculum where you will find reading guides, activities, and other resources to bring The 1619 Project into the classroom.
http://www.pulitzercenter.org/lesson-plan-grouping/1619-project-curriculum

• Scarcity: Why Having Too Little Means So Much – Sendhil Mullainatha and Eldar Shafir. Their book provides a new way of understanding why the poor stay poor and the busy stay busy, and it reveals not only how scarcity leads us astray but also how individuals and organizations can better manage scarcity for greater satisfaction and success. TEDxMidAtlantic 2011 - Eldar Shafir - Living Under Scarcity
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV1ESN8NGh8

ORGANIZATIONS

Equal Justice Initiative
The Equal Justice Initiative is committed to ending mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, to challenging racial and economic injustice, and to protecting basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.
https://eji.org/about-eji

• Racial Justice: Evolution of Slavery, Legacy of Lynching, Resistance to Civil Rights
  Presumption of Guilt. This history of racial inequality and economic injustice in the United States has created continuing challenges for all Americans. EJI believes more must be done to advance our collective goal of equal justice for all. The United States has done very little to acknowledge the legacy of genocide, slavery, lynching, and racial segregation. As a result, people of color are marginalized, disadvantaged, and disproportionately impoverished; the criminal justice system is infected with racial bias; and a presumption of guilt and dangerousness has led to unjustified police violence against black and brown people. https://eji.org/racial-justice

The People’s Institute for Survival and Beyond focuses on understanding what racism is, where it comes from, how it functions, why it persists and how it can be undone. Its Undoing Racism™ workshops utilize a systemic approach that emphasizes learning from history, developing leadership, maintaining accountability to communities, creating networks, undoing internalized racial oppression and understanding the role of organizational gate keeping as a mechanism for perpetuating racism.
https://www.pisab.org/

Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training
Since 1986 Crossroads Antiracism Organizing & Training (formerly Crossroads Ministry) has been providing organizing, training, and consulting to institutions striving to dismantle racism. This includes analyzing internal policies and procedures that maintain white power and privilege and helping to create an intervention strategy to dismantle oppressive systems. A key strategy for institutional organizing is creating internal antiracism teams. Through this work we also strive to create and strengthen structures of accountability to People and
Communities of Color and other socially oppressed groups, both within the institution and in the wider community.

http://crossroadsantiracism.org/

**Institute for Research On Race & Public Policy**
The Institute for Research on Race & Public Policy at the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) promotes and coordinates engaged research on racial and ethnic justice in the U.S. Our mission is to increase society’s understanding of the root causes of racial and ethnic inequality and to provide the public, organizers, practitioners, and policymakers with research-based policy solutions. To fulfill that mission, IRRPP funds research on race and ethnicity, trains scholars to participate in policy discussions, collaborates on social justice projects with community organizations, and holds events exploring the link between policy and racial and ethnic injustice. See its Publications on website.

https://irrpp.uic.edu/

**Coming to the Table** provides leadership, resources, and a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States’ history of slavery.

http://comingtothetable.org/

The Privilege Institute (TPI) was created as a nonprofit organization in early 2014 by Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. TPI develops and sustains collaborations grounded in the essential ideals of the White Privilege Conference (WPC): Understanding, Respecting, and Connecting. TPI offers multiple opportunities for advocates of peace, equity and justice to enhance their work and research by providing challenging workshops, engaging speakers, and a range of educational opportunities and resources on issues of privilege, power and leadership. TPI also publishes Understanding and Dismantling Privilege, an interdisciplinary journal focusing on intersectionality and all aspects of privilege (racism, sexism, heterosexism, ableism, etc.), bridging academia and practice, highlighting activism, and offering a forum for action and accountability on issues of inequity, power and privilege.


**White Homework.** Does the question, “What can I do about racism?” sound familiar? You may have found yourself asking this question. Maybe you asked it to yourself. Maybe you asked it of an author during the Q&A following a book reading. Perhaps you asked a person of color online. This is what you can do. White Homework by Tori Williams Douglass

**Race 2 Dinner.** Our mission is simple - reveal the naked truth about RACISM in America and UNLEASH YOUR POWER as white women to dismantle it. https://race2dinner.com/

Anti-Racism Project seeks to educate participants about how institutionalized racism, internalized racism and white privilege feed oppression. Free eight-week course. https://www.antiracismproject.org/

**PEOPLE**

**Bryan Stevenson**
- **We Need to Talk About an Injustice** TED Talk. https://eji.org/videos/bryan-stevenson-ted-talk
- **Stay hopeful and do ‘uncomfortable things,’ advises justice advocate Bryan Stevenson** https://news.yale.edu/2017/02/02/stay-hopeful-and-do-uncomfortable-things-advises-justice-advocate-bryan-stevenson
- **Bryan Stevenson, Lester Holt Revisit A Painful Past To Create A Better Future | NBC Nightly News** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSnjEGWwJgQ
- **Just Mercy:** A Story of Justice and Redemption - Bryan Stevenson

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PODCASTS/VIDEOS

Confronting Racism.  Racism isn't always obvious, but it can be found almost everywhere. This hour, TED speakers explore the effects of everyday and systemic racism in America—and how we can work to defeat it. TED Radio Hour, March 29, 2019.  https://www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour/707189471/confronting-racism


Why White Americans Don't See Themselves When They Hear the Word “Race”.  Michael Eric Dyson, Brief But Spectacular, PBS NewsHour.  https://www.pbs.org/newshour/brief/216402/michael-eric-dyson

White Privilege 101.  https://media.andover.edu/media/t/1_4je23l7w/21929341

Confederacy: Last Week Tonight with John Oliver (content warning: includes profanity) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=J5b_-TZwQ0I&feature=youtu.be


Uncivil Podcast.  Uncivil brings you stories that were left out of the official history of the Civil War.  https://gimletmedia.com/shows/uncivil


The Tulsa Massacre and the Destruction of Black Wall Street | The Case for Reparations and H.R. 40.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PqusoVPh5K0

13th.  Combining archival footage with testimony from activists and scholars, director Ava DuVernay's examination of the U.S. prison system looks at how the country's history of racial inequality drives the high rate of incarceration in America.  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=krfcq5pF8u8