

Anti-racism Resources

Resources on Anti-racism

There are many different types of resources here to guide you on your anti-racism journey; they were collected here because they are accessible. This list is by no means exhaustive, and it largely centers Black people and Black stories. You likely have heard of the term BIPOC which means Black, Indigenous and People of Color (see resource below), and this project among others seeks to highlight the ways in which other people of color are subjected to erasure (especially Indigenous people).

Books:

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander

<https://newjimcrow.com>

A focus on criminal justice. This is a good primer on mass incarceration and the role racism has played. “Two years after Obama’s election, Alexander put the entire criminal justice system on trial, exposing racial discrimination from lawmaking to policing to the denial of voting rights to ex-prisoners. This bestseller struck the spark that would eventually light the fire of Black Lives matter.” —Ibram X. Kendi, *The New York Times*

So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo

<https://www.sealpress.com/titles/ijeoma-oluo/so-you-want-to-talk-about-race/9781580056779/>

This book is very accessible on the topic of racism. They attempt to demystify the term racism. They cover words that many people hear regarding racism, but may not really understand. Topics such as privilege, cultural appropriation, and intersectionality are well-defined and then personal stories are told throughout. Many libraries have this option as an audiobook.

Podcasts & Interviews:

Brene with Ibram X. Kendi, On How to be an Antiracist (Podcast)

https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/unlocking-us-with-bren%C3%A9-brown/id1494350511?i=1000476611079&fbclid=IwAR27TBVwSPWy3uIQREgOhrv5Smp_jGO5iI0uQMcGqQTxTac_n4kBM5kXxZg

Ibram X. Kendi has written a few books on anti-racism, such as *Stamped from the Beginning* and *How to Be Antiracist*. They explain and hit key points on how to be an antiracist, and how to notice when something is racist. There are many interviews and podcasts where they are featured: <https://www.ibramxkendi.com/media>

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva on Racism without Racists (Interview)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dR0McDpaCX8>

Eduardo Bonilla-Silva discusses his book, *Racism without Racists*. This more academic interview is a good introduction to the notion of colorblind racism, which is a concept that highlights how well-intentioned folks may be unintentionally racist.

Movies/Shows:

The Hate You Give

A Hollywood movie, but first a book by Angie Thomas that demonstrates the impact of police shootings. It focuses on, Starr Carter, and through an empathetic story telling you witness and/or read how wide-reaching the effect of police brutality is on an individual, a family, and a

community. A good story if you are trying to understand the Black Lives Matter movement from a personal perspective.

Race: The Power of an Illusion

https://www.pbs.org/race/000_General/000_00-Home.htm

A PBS series that tackles what is race, and what are some of the impacts of how we have defined race in our society. This series is a good anthropological and sociological introduction into how race is constructed.

Mixed Resources:

The Gaps between White and Black America in Charts

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/06/19/opinion/politics/opportunity-gaps-race-inequality.html>

A visual representation of inequality in America. This is a good one to send to family members and friends when you are backing up your points on the existence of racism in American society.

BIPOC Project

<https://www.thebipocproject.org>

From the website: “The BIPOC Project aims to build authentic and lasting solidarity among Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC), in order to undo Native invisibility, anti-Blackness, dismantle white supremacy and advance racial justice.”

Anti-Racism Allyship Starter Pack Linked Here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1bUJrgX8vspyy7YttiEC2vD0DawrpPYiZs94V0ov7qZQ/htmlview>

This list provides a myriad of resources. We cannot as a department vouch for all of these resources, but there are a lot of sources here that we are familiar with and trust on this site.

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