

The Anti-Racism Task Force is curating this list of resources. It includes books, articles, podcasts and websites where you can find information, get suggestions for action and join in the movement. If you have suggestions to add to this list, send them to Robbie Sherman via email. Please provide a bit of annotation to make the list useful!

Books:

Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*

The Race and Spirituality group from this church studied books over a five-year span (and did some other things.) I believe we'd all say the most informative, emotionally and intellectually challenging book we read was **Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*** (312 pages, engaging to read).

Named one of the most important nonfiction books of the 21st century by *Entertainment Weekly*, *Slate*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Literary Hub*, *Book Riot*, and *Zora--Amazon*

“One of the most influential books of the past 20 years” --*The Chronicle of Higher Education*

“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 Kendi**

How to Be an Anti-Racist by Ibram X. Kendi

This book has been the focus of WUMC’s most recent book groups. Here is one review: Title notwithstanding, this latest from the National Book Award–winning author is no guidebook to getting woke.

In fact, the word “woke” appears nowhere within its pages. Rather, it is a combination memoir and extension of *Atlantic* columnist Kendi’s towering *Stamped From the Beginning* (2016) that leads readers through a taxonomy of racist thought to anti-racist action. Never wavering from the thesis introduced in his previous book, that “racism is a powerful collection of racist policies that lead to racial inequity and are substantiated by racist ideas,” the author posits a seemingly simple binary: “Antiracism is a powerful collection of antiracist policies that lead to racial equity and are substantiated by antiracist ideas.” The author, founding director of American University’s Antiracist Research

and Policy Center, chronicles how he grew from a childhood steeped in black liberation Christianity to his doctoral studies, identifying and dispelling the layers of racist thought under which he had operated. “Internalized racism,” he writes, “is the real Black on Black Crime.”

White Too Long The Legacy of White Supremacy in American Christianity by Robert P. Jones

This book, not too long or dense outlines the history of white supremacy in the American Christian Church and also offers ideas about moving towards reconciliation.

Between the World and Me” Ta-Nehisi Coates

Readers of his work in *The Atlantic* and elsewhere know Ta-Nehisi Coates for his thoughtful and influential writing on race in America. Written as a series of letters to his teenaged son, his new memoir, *Between the World and Me*, walks us through the course of his life, from the tough neighborhoods of Baltimore in his youth, to Howard University—which Coates dubs “The Mecca” for its revelatory community of black students and teachers—to the broader Meccas of New York and Paris. Coates describes his observations and the evolution of his thinking on race, from Malcolm X to his conclusion that race itself is a fabrication, elemental to the concept of American (white) exceptionalism. Ferguson, Trayvon Martin, and South Carolina are not bumps on the road of progress and harmony, but the results of a systemized, ubiquitous threat to “black bodies” in the form of slavery, police brutality, and mass incarceration. Coates is direct and, as usual, uncommonly insightful and original. There are no wasted words. This is a powerful and exceptional book.--*Jon Foro*

"We Were Eight Years in Power” Ta-Nehisi Coates

"We Were Eight Years in Power features Coates's iconic essays first published in *The Atlantic*, including “Fear of a Black President,” “The Case for Reparations,” and “The Black Family in the Age of Mass Incarceration,” along with eight fresh essays that revisit each year of the Obama administration through Coates's own experiences, observations, and intellectual development, capped by a bracingly original assessment of the election that fully illuminated the tragedy of the Obama era. *We Were Eight Years in Power* is a vital account of modern America, from one of the definitive voices of this historic moment

Book Lists:

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/books/review/antiracist-reading-list-ibram-x-kendi.html>

Ibram X Kendi curates this list for the NY Times

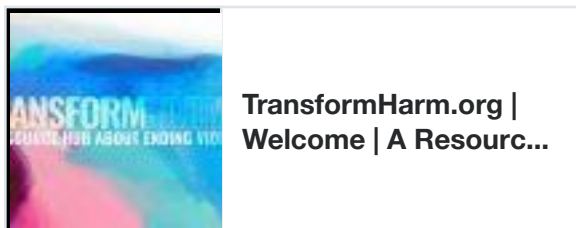
<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2020/06/06/871023438/this-list-of-books-films-and-podcasts-about-racism-is-a-start-not-a-panacea> Resource list films, books and podcasts from NPR

Websites with Resources:

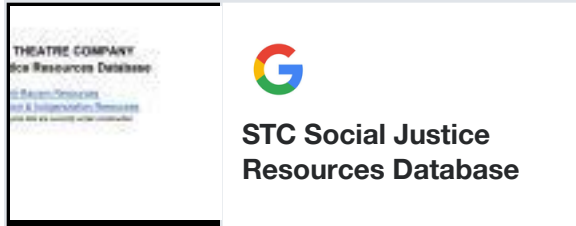
<https://www.showingupforracialjustice.org> The Anti-Racism task force is using material from this website to deepen our understanding of White Supremacy and begin to imagine how to create change.

Resources from "The Greater Good, science based insights for a meaningful life" https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/antiracist_resources_from_greater_good A collection of articles based in science exploring the roots of racism and offering hope for change.

I really think our community will appreciate the website TransformHarm. [TransformHarm.org](https://transformharm.org) | [Welcome](#) | [A Resource Hub about Ending Violence](#)



<https://www.umc.org/en/how-we-serve/advocating-for-justice/racial-justice/united-against-racism> UMC resources and information



[STC Social Justice Resources Database](#)

Podcasts:

[Robin DiAngelo and Resmaa Menakem: In Conversation - The On Being Project](#)

Resmaa Menakem is a therapist and author of *My Grandmother's Hands*, Robin Di'angelo teaches at the UW and is the author of the book, *White Fragility*.

Brene Brown:

<https://brenebrown.com/podcast/brene-with-ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-an-antiracist/>

I'm talking with professor Ibram X. Kendi, *New York Times* bestselling author of *How to Be an Antiracist* and the Director of the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University. We talk about racial disparities, policy, and equality, but we really focus on *How to Be an Antiracist*, which is a groundbreaking approach to understanding uprooting racism and inequality in our society and in ourselves.

Articles:

New article, best yet on this: NYT, Jennifer Steinhauer, "Veterans Fortify the Ranks of Militias Aligned with Trump's Views", 9/11/20.

This gets closer to realities of militias recruiting low information supremacist vets drawn into Trump's seductive power glow.

—Los Angeles Times, 8/4/2020, Alene Tchekmedyian, "Deputies accused of being in secret societies"

—CSIS (Center for Strategic and Internal Studies) ,June 17, 2020, Seth Jones et al, "The Escalating Terrorism Problem in the US

—CSIS, Jun 27, 2020, Jason Wilson, Guardian, " Violence by far right is among US's most dangerous"

—New Yorker,July 27, 2020, Wm Finnegan, "How Police Unions Fight Reform

—START WITH THIS ARTICLE: The New Yorker,Jun 18,2020, Steven Greenhouse, "How Police Unions Enable and Conceal Abuses of Power," (Increases in police protections, impunity leads to increases in brutality with excessive use of force. NYPD leader Patrick Lynch just endorsed Trump's not so implicit references toward white supremacy, so is Lynch a supremacist??? Who will ask this Question?