

Courageous Conversations

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**PC(USA) Advisory
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Witness Policy Reports**

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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 incarceration rate in America. This piercing, Oscar-nominated film won Best Documentary at the Emmys, the BAFTAs and the NAACP Image Awards.

Affirmative Action

Articles

[The Case for Affirmative Action in College Admissions | NEA News](#)

[The Racist Beginnings of Standardized Testing | NEA News](#)

[What Abigail Fisher's Affirmative Action Case Was Really About | ProPublica](#)

[Why Scientists Must Stand for Affirmative Action and against Scientific Racism | Scientific American](#)

[Affirmative Action Statistics and Facts After 50 Years | Just Great Lawyers](#)

[Affirmative Action | US Department of Labor](#)

[Race: The Power of an Illusion | California Newsreel](#)

[If Affirmative Action Ends, College Admissions May Be Changed Forever | New York Times](#)

[Racial Preferences and the Fainthearted Supreme Court | Wall Street Journal](#)

[Inequity, Equality, Equity, and Justice | Boston University](#)

[20 Principal Pros and Cons of Affirmative Action | Green Garage](#)

[Separate and Unequal: Racial and Ethnic Segregation and the Case for School Funding Reparations in New Jersey | New Jersey Policy Perspective](#)

Videos

The End of Affirmative Action Would be a Disaster | Amanpour and Company

What's at Stake in Supreme Court Affirmative Action Cases | PBS NewsHour

Nikole Hannah-Jones on DOJ's Attack on Affirmative Action and How School Segregation Never Ended | Democracy Now!

Harvard Student Fights for Affirmative Action | ABC News

Can Race Be a Factor in College Admissions? SCOTUS Reconsiders Affirmative Action | RetroReport

Questions

1. What is affirmative action?
2. What are the purposes and history of affirmative action?
3. What are examples of affirmative action, not just in college admissions, but also in employment?
4. What are the different views on the advantages and disadvantages of affirmative action?
5. What are Asian American views on affirmative action, pro and con?
6. What racial biases are inherent in standardized testing?

Black Church

Videos

The Black Church | PBS

Black History Month

Articles

Here's the story behind Black History Month—and why it's celebrated in February | NPR

It's Black History Month. Here are 3 things to know about the annual celebration | NPR

States want to prevent schools from telling the truth about racism in America. Here's what educators can do about it. | Chalkbeat

Black History Themes | Association for the Study of African American Life and History

About Black History Month | Association for the Study of African American Life and History

The End of Black History Month? Attacks on Teaching the History of Racism Enable its Entrenchment | Just Security

Across America, states are removing Black history from schools. Virginia is doing the opposite. | The Virginian-Pilot

This Day in History | Zinn Education Project

Videos

Pedestrian Question: Do You Have a Black Friend? | Jimmy Kimmel Live

Black History is American History | Okalani Dawkins | TEDxYouth@MVHS

Why Black History Month Shouldn't Exist | Let Lee Explain

Black History Month With NMAAHC Curator Mary Elliott | National Museum of African American History and Culture

Morgan Freeman On Black History Month | 60 Minutes

Why Not Everyone Supports Black History Month | PBS NewsHour

Book Banning

Articles

Activism grows nationwide in response to school book bans | AP News

The Fight Over 'Maus' Is Part of a Bigger Cultural Battle in Tennessee | New York Times

Bannings and Burnings in History | Freedom to Read

Banned Books Become a Monument to Free Thought in Parthenon Installation | Fodors

Videos

The price of free speech—and censorship | CBS Sunday Morning

Audio

Southlake: Inside a Critical Race Theory Battle | NBC News

What people miss in the conversation about banned books | NPR

Colorism

Articles

Colorism within Media and Its Effects on Students | Beautywell

Colourism: How skin-tone bias affects racial equality at work | World Economic Forum

Marketing Still Has a Colorism Problem | Harvard Business Review

Mental Health Effects of Colorism in the Black Community | Mindpath

The Impact of Colorism on Early Childhood Learners | SUNY

Colorism: The Often Un-discussed “-ism” in America’s Workforce | The Jury Expert

Shades of Prejudice | New York Times

Fight Against Colorism Takes On Amazon: Beauty ‘Cannot Be One Skin Color’ |
New York Times

TikTok’s darkened skin trend accused of ‘promoting colourism’ | BBC

Mexico’s new racial reckoning: A movement protests colorism and white privilege |
Los Angeles Times

Beauty companies are changing skin-whitening products. But the damage of colorism runs
deeper. | Vox

Why black people discriminate among ourselves: the toxic legacy of colorism | Guardian

Videos

What Is Colorism? | Science Museum of Minnesota

Colourism Documentary | CFM Productions

Colorism (light skin/dark skin) is discussed | Phil Donahue Show

The Forgotten Story of New Jersey's Enslaved People | PBS

Critical Race Theory

Articles

If Only There Were a Viral Video of Our Jim Crow Education System | New York Times

What is critical race theory? Berks scholars explain | The Reporter

The War on History Is a War on Democracy | New York Times

The Man Behind Critical Race Theory | The New Yorker

The Monster Is in the Classroom | City Journal

Critical Race Theory: A Brief History | New York Times

What is Critical Race Theory and why does it make white conservatives uncomfortable? | Face2Face Africa

Black History: A History of Permanent White Oppression, from 1619 to 2016 | Medium

What is Critical Thinking and Why Does it Matter? | Analytical Center for Leadership Research and Development

Videos

Why Americans are divided over teaching critical race theory | PBS NewsHour

Educators Ungagged: Teaching Truth in the Era of Racial Backlash | African American Policy Forum

Critical Race Theory | Last Week with John Oliver

How 'good White people' derail racial progress | CNN

Taking Responsibility For Systemic Racism | The Problem With Jon Stewart

The Doctrine of Discovery / Indigenous Peoples

Articles

Doctrine of Discovery: A Review of Its Origins and Implications for Congregations in the PC(USA) and Support for Native American Sovereignty | PC(USA)

Clergy repudiate ‘doctrine of discovery’ as hundreds support indigenous rights at Standing Rock | Baptist News Global

Deb Haaland Is Plowing Ahead With Tackling Violence Against Native Women | Huffington Post

The U.S. stole generations of Indigenous children to open the West | High Country News

Why Andrew Jackson’s Legacy Is So Controversial | History

Co-Moderator joins call to action for critical issue in Indigenous community | PC(USA)

The Invention of Thanksgiving | The New Yorker

Picturesque California conceals a crisis of missing Indigenous women | National Geographic

Videos

‘We the People’: the three most misunderstood words in US history by Mark Charles | TEDxTysons

Buffy Sainte-Marie on God, Reconciliation and The Doctrine of Discovery | Context: Beyond the Headlines

Surviving Genocide: Introduction to New Scholarship on Native Nations and the United States | Oregon Historical Society

Sec. Haaland on healing from the indoctrination, dehumanization at Indian boarding schools | PBS NewsHour

28th May 1830: The Indian Removal Act signed into law by President Andrew Jackson | History Pod

The dark legacy of Canada’s residential schools, where thousands of children died | 60 Minutes

The Episcopal Church Exposes the Doctrine of Discovery | IndigEpiscopal

Audio

An American Secret: The Untold Story Of Native American Enslavement | NPR

Additional Resources

The CrossCulturalSolidarity.com website has deep resources on Native American history. Many articles and videos are taken from that source.

Education

Articles

The 1619 Project and the Long Battle Over U.S. History | New York Times

Robert E. Lee's descendant proves his lineage and pushes for 'honest' history of racism | CNN

Videos

Thomas Jefferson's Black & White Relatives Meet Each Other | The Oprah Winfrey Show

Health

Articles

Realities of Racism: Living—and Dying—with Health Disparities | Hope College

Without Sanctuary: New England Journal of Medicine

Black community has new option for health care: The church | AP News

Benjamin delves into 'discriminatory design' in medical, scientific research | Princeton University

A 'Race-Free' Approach to Diagnosing Kidney Disease | New York Times

Experts warn of racial disparities in the diagnosis and treatment of long Covid. | New York Times

'History Is Everything': Making a Film About Black Maternal Mortality | New York Times

Videos

Health Disparities in the Black Community: Past & Present | PBS

How racism makes us sick by David R. Williams | Ted Talks

Ruha Benjamin on COVID-19 and racial inequality | Rode Hoed

Aftershock Documentary

Additional Resources

Choose Healthy Life

Past Pandemics: 1721-2021 | National Museum of African American History & Culture

Childbirth Is Deadlier for Black Families Even When They're Rich, Expansive Study Finds
| New York Times

Housing

Articles

Was your home once off-limits to non-whites? These maps can tell you | Washington Post

Applying a Racial Equity Lens to Housing Policy Analysis | Housing Matters

Five policy solutions to advance racial equity in housing | Habitat for Humanity

The Tyranny of the Map: Rethinking Redlining | Urban History Association

Videos

Could a land bridge project help minority communities recover from displacement?
| PBS NewsHour

Segregated By Design Documentary

We are plain people; we don't want your money. | A Raisin In the Sun

Richard Rothstein talks about his book The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our
Government Segregated America | C-SPAN

The New Movement to Redress Racial Segregation | Richard Rothstein

Housing Justice Forum: Panel Discussion 1: “How Did We Get Here?” | Princeton Public Library

Housing Justice Forum: Panel Discussion 2: “What Can We Do?” | Princeton Public Library

Stable Housing Is a Critical First Step toward Racial Equity | Urban Institute

Homelessness | Last Week Tonight with John Oliver

Additional Resources

Housing in America: A Resource Guide | Princeton Public Library

Princeton Community Resource Guide

Photos from the Princeton Public Library Housing Justice Forum

Juneteenth

Videos

On Juneteenth: A Conversation with Annette Gordon-Reed | The Gilder Lehrman Institute

Mass Incarceration

Articles

Let the Punishment Fit the Crime | New York Times

Racial inequality is evident in every stage of the criminal justice system | Prison Policy Initiative

The History of Mass Incarceration | The Brennan Center for Justice

Four Things We Can Do to End Mass Incarceration | The Brennan Center for Justice

Piecing together this country’s disparate systems of confinement | Prison Policy Initiative

Black imprisonment rate in the U.S. has fallen by a third since 2006 | Pew Research Center

Videos

Michelle Alexander: Locked Out of the American Dream | Moyers & Company
When do prisoner's wrongs end, and their rights begin? by Benny Lee | TEDxNaperville
Mass Incarceration in the US | Prison Policy Initiative
Mass Incarceration: Pathways to Prison | Detroit Public TV

Mental Health

Articles

Black Mental Health Matters by Phillip J. Roundtree | TedXWilmington
Mental health within the Black community by Davonte Sanders Funches | TEDxNorthCentralCollege
Changing views on mental health in the Black community by Chante Meadows | TEDxKingLincolnBronzeville

Videos

Mental health by the numbers | National Alliance on Mental Illness
Losing Faith, Finding Hope: A Journey with Depression | Huffington Post
Black/African American | National Alliance on Mental Health
Unspoken Truths: Mental Health and the African-American Community | American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Mental Health Resources for Black and African American Communities | Anxiety & Depression Association of America

Presbyterian Church Resources

Information on Presbyterian Mental Health Ministries | PC(USA)

Additional Resources/Websites

Black Mental Health Matters

Less Drinking, Yet More Problems: Understanding African American Drinking and Related Problems | National Library of Medicine

Responding to Racism and Mental Health Inequity| American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

Policing the Police / Re-imagining Police

Articles

Before the Central Park Five, There Was the Trenton Six | African American Intellectual History Society

Final Report of President Obama’s Task Force on Police Use of Force, Appendix E

A City Where Policing, Discrimination and Raising Revenue Went Hand in Hand | New York Times

The 12 Key Highlights of Scathing DOJ Report on Ferguson Police 2012-2014 | Washington Post

Reimagining police departments with safety and justice in mind | 60 Minutes

Paul Robeson Sings Out Against Lynching: 1946 | flickr

New Jersey: Its Opinions and Reactions to the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, and Fifteenth Amendments Before and After the Civil War | Seton Hall

Videos

George Floyd, Minneapolis Protests, Ahmaud Arbery & Amy Cooper | The Daily Show

Policing the Police | PDB Frontline

Policing in America; Reconstruction to Current Day, White Violence | Equal Justice Initiative

A timeline of 1,944 Black Americans killed by police | VOX

Unapologetic Documentary | PBS

137 Shots | Netflix Documentary

Video of police breaking up New Jersey mall fight sparks outrage, investigation | ABC News

Driving While Black: Race, Space, and Mobility in America | PBS Documentary

Audio

American Police with Khalil Gibran Muhammad | NPR

Racism in the Arts

OVERVIEW

Race- and gender-based under-representation of creative contributors: art, fashion, film, and music | Nature

VISUAL ART

Articles

Uncovering Race in America: How Might Art Help Build More Equitable Societies? | National Gallery of Art

Art So White: Black artists want representation (beyond slavery) in the Met, National Gallery | USA Today

10 Black Visual Artists Who Broke Barriers | Biography

Questions

What Black visual artists do you know? Collect? Follow their work? Attend their exhibitions?

MUSIC

Articles

The Music Industry was Built on Racism. Changing it Will Take More than Donations | Rolling Stone

Classical Music Had a Race Problem Twenty Years Ago. It Still Does | WBUR

The 'whitewashing' of Black music: A dark chapter in rock history | Global News

Questions

1. Who are your all-time favorite musical artists?
2. What were “hits” initially written by Black musicians but attributed to white artists?
3. Who/what American music did the Beatles look to as their musical beginnings?
4. Finally, MTV arrived -- were Black artists included or excluded?

DANCE / BALLET

Articles

Will this be a turning point of systemic racism in dance? | The Dance Journal

Recognizing Systemic Racism in Dance | Seattle Dances

The Unbearable Whiteness of Ballet | Marie Claire

A Lot is Still so Much the Same: Misty Copeland on Decades of Racism and Ballet | Time

Questions

1. What great dancers do you follow?
2. Have you attended any performances of Black Dance Troupes such as Alvin Ailey, Dance Theatre of Harlem, other?

PERFORMING ARTS:

Articles

Four Black Artists on How Racism Erodes the Theatre World | New York Times

Issa Rae, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Sandra Oh, others denounce racism in theater industry in open letter | NBC News

Videos

Blackface: A cultural history of a racist art form | CBS Sunday Morning

Paul Robeson: The Artist as Revolutionary | Vimeo

Oscars (Still) So White? 2023 Academy Awards Continue to Lack Representation | PBS

How It Feels to Be Free | PBS Documentary (This video is part of the American Masters series. It is available to PBS members or as a free trial via Amazon. If you have trouble accessing it, please feel free to check back in with Denyse Leslie.)

Questions

1. Who are your favorite performing artists/directors?
2. What Black and Brown artists do you follow? What directors?
3. Did you see Viola Davis in *The Woman King*?
4. What can be changed in the industry regarding what films get made and distributed?
5. Where are you on Westerns, now that we know better?
6. Has filmmaking been a family business?
7. How has Hollywood shaped the American history narrative?

REMEMBRANCE OF SIDNEY POITIER

The Life and Legacy of Sidney Poitier | New York Times

In the Heat of the Night

Racism in the Military

Articles

'Is Austin On Your List?': Biden's Pentagon Pick Rose Despite Barriers to Diversity | New York Times

The Harlem Hellfighters Were War Heroes. Then They Came Home to Racism | New York Times

White Supremacy in the Military "Like a Drop of Cyanide in Your Drink" | The War Horse

Over 80 of those charged in the January 6 investigation have ties to the military | CBS News

For service members of color, fear of racism in military towns weighs heavily in career choices | The American Homefront Project

'We just feel it': Racism plagues US military academies | AP News

Decades later Retired Army Col Paris Davis receives Medal of Honor | Washington Post

Videos

Changing how the military handles racial bias in the ranks | 60 Minutes

First Black U.S. Air Force chief's emotional remarks on George Floyd protests | Reuters

Valor in the Face of Racism | The History Makers

Blinding of Sergeant Isaac Woodard, Decorated WWII Veteran | PBS

Troops and veterans of color share their experiences with racism in the ranks of the U.S. military | CBS This Morning

An F-22 pilot on why he felt discriminated against in the Air Force | 60 Minutes

Rep. Hulse explains resolution rebuking AP report on racism in the military | WHJL

Medal of Hour Awarded to Paris Davis | PBS Newshour

How a pioneering pilot made the first attempt to break NASA's racial barrier | PBS

Reparations

Articles

Why We Need Reparations for Black Americans | Brookings

Black and Brown in New Jersey: The Garden State's Shameful Racial Wealth Gap | New Jersey Institute for Social Justice

The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates | The Atlantic Monthly

This is what white people can do to end racism: Study what your forefathers did, then do the opposite. | Andscape.

Racism Defined | Dismantling Racism Works Book

HR 40 Bill in Congress to Study Reparations | US Congress

The deep cruelty of U.S. traders of enslaved people didn't bother most Americans | Washington Post

Brown University undergraduates vote for reparations for descendants of enslaved people | CNN

Judiciary Committee Votes to Advance Reparations Bill HR-40 | The Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition

It Is Time for Reparations, New York Times Magazine

The Case for Reparations, A Slow Convert to the Cause | New York Times

When Slave Owners Got Reparations | New York Times

The historian Annette Gordon-Reed gets personal in *On Juneteenth* | New York Times

What the Tulsa Race Massacre Destroyed | New York Times

Los Angeles Family Receive Pacific-Front Land Parcel Taken by Authorities Over 100 Years Ago | Architectural Digest

Bruce's Beach Inspires Activists to Fight for Other Black Victims of Land Theft | NPR

Reparations bill said to have support to pass House | Washington Post

In Likely First, Chicago Suburb of Evanston Approves Reparations for Black Residents | NPR

My name is a Confederate monument, so I cross it out when I write it | Washington Post

Videos

Trevor Noah Breaks Down Reparations & White Privilege | The Daily Show

Repair for Historical Harms: Global Models for Questions of Reparations | Yale University

Can reparations help right the wrongs of slavery? | PBS NewsHour

The Whiteness Of Wealth: Dorothy A. Brown In Conversation with Maurice J. Hobson | Charis Circle

Examining the history of one of the US's first Black districts | PBS NewsHour

The Big Payback: Evanston, Illinois | PBS

Princeton & Slavery Oral History Project | Princeton University

BLACK FARMERS

Articles

Timeline: Black farmers and the USDA, 1920 to present | Environmental Working Group

Black Farmers in America, 1865-2000: The Pursuit of Independent Farming and the Role of Cooperatives | USDA

Videos

Denied 'pivotal' loans, Black farmers still lack support | PBS NewsHour

HOUSING

Cities Experiment With Restitutive Housing Programs. Do They Advance Reparations? | Center for Law and Social Policy

HAITIAN REPARATIONS TO FRANCE

The Root of Haiti's Misery: Reparations to Enslavers | New York Times

Aristide: Demanded French Reparations and Ending Up in Exile | New York Times

Enslaved to a U.S. Founding Father, She Sought Freedom in France | New York Times

OTHER REPARATIONS INITIATIVES

California issued its first in-depth report detailing how the government has harmed Black Americans | CNN

Slavery reparations seem impossible. In many places, they're already happening | Washington Post

Reparations as a Public Health Priority: A Strategy for Ending Black-White Health Disparities | New England Journal of Medicine

Black reparations and the Racial Wealth Gap | Brookings

As Harvard Makes Amends for Its Ties to Slavery, Descendants Ask, What Is Owed? | New York Times

SLAVERY

The Forgotten Story of New Jersey's Enslaved People | PBS

Universal Basic Income

Articles

California Program Giving \$500 No-Strings-Attached Stipends Pays Off, Study Finds | NPR

The pros and cons of universal basic income | University of North Carolina

Pros and Cons of Universal Basic Income | Money Crashers

One Size Does Not Fit All: A Case Against the UBI in America | Harvard Political Review

Videos

The Case for a Universal Basic Income | Financial Times

Hudson, New York is piloting a universal basic income program | PBS NewsHour

NC's Rev. Barber at Biden's inaugural prayer service: The nation must 'repair the breach' | The News & Observer

Stockton On My Mind | HBO Documentary

Additional Resources

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income

Center for Guaranteed Income Research | University of Pennsylvania

Basic Income Lab | Stanford University

Guaranteed Income Pilots Dashboard

Newark Movement for Economic Equity

Paterson Guaranteed Income Pilot Program

Voter Suppression

Articles

Supreme Court guts key part of landmark Voting Rights Act | Reuters

A Call to Arms to Fight Voter Restrictions: Black CEOs Action | New York Times

Voter suppression in New Jersey: A pivotal episode that still reverberates | New Jersey Spotlight News

Ensure Every American Can Vote | Brennan Center

How GOP-backed voting measures could create hurdles for tens of millions of voters | Washington Post

Voting Rights Milestones in America: A Timeline | History

Kadir Nelson's 'Election Results' | The New Yorker

Videos

Who's Vote Counts Explained | Netflix Documentary

The Fight to Vote—Black Voter Suppression in Tennessee | The Citizenship Project

Who's Vote Counts? | PBS Frontline

“One Person, No Vote” and the Impact of Voter Suppression | The Daily Show

A Beautiful Noise | Alicia Keys and Brandi Carlile

Stevie Wonder on Racism, Voter Suppression, and Trump | Now This News

Someday We Will All Be Free | Donny Hathaway

Audio

Why voter suppression continues and how the pandemic has made it worse |
PBS NewsHour

White Privilege

Articles

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack | University of Maryland, Baltimore
County

Videos

How People Are ‘Dying of Whiteness’ Amid COVID-19 | Now This News

The Price of Defending Whiteness | Sermon by Rev. Dr. Roger L. Ray

Trevor Noah Breaks Down Reparations and White Privilege | The Daily Show

Films / Documentaries

Ava DuVernay's Fight for Change, Onscreen and Off | New York Times

Soundtrack for a Revolution | PBS American Experience

The story of the American civil rights movement is told through its powerful music—the freedom songs that protesters sang on picket lines, in mass meetings, in police wagons, and in jail cells as they fought for justice and equality. A unique mix of historical documentary and contemporary musical performance, the film features new performances by top artists including John Legend, Joss Stone, Wyclef Jean, and The Roots; riveting archival footage; and interviews with civil rights foot soldiers and leaders, including Congressman John Lewis, Harry Belafonte, Julian Bond, Andrew Young and dozens more.

4 Little Girls | Spike Lee

I Am Not Your Negro | James Baldwin

This 93-minute feature documentary is narrated by Samuel L. Jackson and is inspired by James Baldwin's unfinished manuscript, *Remember This House*, a collection of notes and letters written by Baldwin in the mid-1970s.[4] The memoir recounts the lives of his close friends and civil rights leaders Malcolm X, Martin Luther King Jr., and Medgar Evers.

How It Feels to be Free | PBS American Masters

American Masters: How It Feels To Be Free tells the inspiring story of how six iconic African American female entertainers - Lena Horne, Abbey Lincoln, Nina Simone, Diahann Carroll, Cicely Tyson and Pam Grier - challenged an entertainment industry deeply complicit in perpetuating racist stereotypes, and transformed themselves and their audiences in the process. The film, which is slated to premiere in early 2021 on PBS and on documentary Channel in Canada, features interviews and archival performances with all six women, as well as original conversations with contemporary artists influenced by them, including Alicia Keys, an executive producer on the project, Halle Berry, Lena Waithe, Meagan Good, LaTanya Richardson Jackson, Samuel L. Jackson and other luminaries, as well as family members, including Horne's daughter Gail Lumet Buckley.

Vision for Racial Literacy and Justice: Clarity in Spite of Chaos / Princeton High School:

The ZOOM Princeton Public Schools Racial Literacy and Justice Class presentation meeting; Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson

Racial Literacy Justice Students Teach Us All

Princeton High School Student Video Incident, July 14, 2020

Why We Can't Wait | Dr. Joy Barnes-Johnson, Witherspoon Church

Race Matters: America in Crisis | PBS NewsHour

LA 1992: 25 years after the Rodney King Trial | National Geographic

The Long Shadow | Not In Our Town Princeton

The Black Church | PBS

The Neutral Ground | PBS

“The Neutral Ground” documents New Orleans’ fight over monuments and America’s troubled romance with the Lost Cause. In 2015, director CJ Hunt was filming the New Orleans City Council’s vote to remove four confederate monuments. But when that removal is halted by death threats, CJ sets out to understand why a losing army from 1865 still holds so much power in America. A co-production of POV and ITVS, in association with the Center for Asian American Media. A co-presentation of Black Public Media and the Center for Asian American Media. Producer, Darcy McKinnon and Director, C.J. Hunt

NYC Epicenters: 9/11 to 2021½ | Spike Lee

Race Matters: America After George Floyd | PBS NewsHour

Ferguson Rising | PBS

Between the World and Me: Dramatic Reading of Ta-Nehisi Coates’ book, HBO

Ted Talks

The Danger of a Single Story | Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

We Need to Talk About an Injustice | Bryan Stevenson

The Story We Tell about Poverty Isn't True | Mia Birdsong

What it Takes to be Racially Literate | Winona Guo and Priya Vulchi

Racism Has a Cost for Everyone | Heather C. McGhee

The Difference Between Being Not Racist and An Antiracist | Ibram Kendi

How Racial Bias Works—And How to Disrupt It | Jennifer L. Eberhardt

Sermons

A Pastoral Word: George Floyd | Rev. David A. Davis, Nassau Presbyterian Church

Sermon for Grace Cathedral, San Francisco | Anna Deavere Smith

The Price of Defending Whiteness | Rev. William Barber, CCC Springfield

Rev. William Barber, Sermon Transcript, June 14, 2020

What Have We Learned | Rev. Dr. Roger Ray, CCC Springfield

The Roots of Racism (Missing White Woman Syndrom) | Rev. Dr. Roger Ray, CCC Springfield

Podcasts

The Tuskegee Syphilis Study | BBC Witness Series

I Won't Be Used as a Guinea Pig for White People: COVID-19 Vaccination Suspicion |
New York Times

Stanley Nelson Jr. interview on Shed: Conversations About Race | Vineyard Gazette

The Life and Legacy of Sidney Poitier | New York Times

Other Commentary

What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? | Frederick Douglass

Paul Robeson Speaks! | 1948 Senate Testimony

Paul Robeson Speaks! | 1958 KPFK Radio Interview

James Baldwin Debates William F. Buckley, February 1965 | Aeon

James Baldwin and Nikki Giovanni Interview, Soul, Public Television, 1971

Toni Morrison Interview at Princeton, 1992

Toni Morrison Beautifully Answers an “Illegitimate” Question on Race | Charlie Rose

Sojourner Truth: Ain’t I a Woman | Performed by Cicely Tyson

The Freedom Riders Reunite 50 Years Later | Oprah Winfrey Show

I Don’t Know What To Do With Good White People | Brit Bennett, Jezebel.com

The Moynihan Report: An Annotated Edition | The Atlantic Monthly

A Theology for a Grieving People | Rev Dr. Yolanda Pierce, Sojourners

Harry Belafonte discusses his friend Paul Robeson, civil rights at Rutgers

Donald Trump is the First White President | Ta-Nehisi Coates, The Atlantic Monthly

Richard Avedon and James Baldwin’s Joint Examination of American Identity | Hilton Als, The New Yorker

How People Are ‘Dying of Whiteness’ Amid COVID-19 | Now This News

Pop Star Billy Eckstine and the Infamous 1950 Photo That Impacted His Career | LIFE

Review of How to Be an Anti-Intellectual | Coleman Hughes, City-Journal

The Famous Baldwin-Buckley Debate Still Matters Today | Gabrielle Bellot, The Atlantic Monthly

A Choice to Change the World | Spelman College

How Minnesotans Can Fight for Racial Justice | Minnesota Monthly

Anger and the ‘accumulated grievance’ of Black Americans | PBS Newshour

George Floyd, Minneapolis Protests, Ahmaud Arbery & Amy Cooper | The Daily Show

You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body is a Monument | New York Times

Statement on Killing of George Floyd by Dean Kerwin K. Charles | Yale School of Management

There's a Direct Line From Lynching to George Floyd | Bryan Stevenson, Amanpour & Company

I Think My Son May Have Looted During the Protests. Should We Make Him Confess? | Slate

Yale SOM Dean Kerwin Charles On Racism In America | Poets and Quants

I'm president of Morehouse College. Here's my advice to protestors. | Washington Post

The Black-White Wage Gap Is as Big as It Was in 1950 | New York Times

After George Floyd's Killing, a Mother Asks: What About My Daughter? | Washington Post

Princeton University Faculty Members Propose an Anti-Racism Agenda, July 4, 2020

Black Women's Lives Matter: Breaking the cover on systemic violence against women of color | Radical Women

How anti-racism is a treatment for the 'cancer' of racism | PBS NewsHour

Why Black Christians Are Bracing for a 'Whitelash' | CNN

Dehumanizing Condescension of White Fragility, | The Atlantic

The Real White Fragility | New York Times

Black Women's Lives Matter | Peoples World

Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation | New York Times

Reimagining the James Baldwin and William F. Buckley Debate | NPR

Carol Anderson on the Lasting Implications of White Rage | Created Equal

11 John Lewis Quotes We Could All Learn And Grow From | Essence

Juneteenth and National New Beginnings | Essence

How the pandemic has exposed America's deep divide | PBS Newshour

American Reckoning | PBS NewsHour

The Big Conversation: The Story of Us | Sundance Institute

She Experienced Busing in Boston, Now She's the City's First Black Mayor | New York Times

Return to Office? Some Women of Color Aren't Ready | New York Times

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13th Documentary Soundtrack

Work Song | Nina Simone

The Man Coming Around, Taking Names | Johnny Cash

Reagan | Killer Mike

Letter to the Free | Common

*The Seven Last Words of the Unarmed [Black Men Who Were Killed (and of Christ)],
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Kenneth Chamberlain, Sr. "Officers, why do you have your guns out?"

Trayvon Martin, "What are you following me for?"

Amadou Diallo "Mom, I'm going to college"

Michael Brown, "I don't have a gun, Stop shooting."

Oscar Grant III, "You Shot Me, You Shot Me!"

John Crawford, III, "It's Not Real"

Eric Gardner, "I Can't Breathe"

Robert F. Kennedy's Statement on the Death of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Shades of Yale a Capella Choir

Ella's Song (We Who Believe in Freedom) | Sweet Honey in the Rock

A Change Is Gonna Come | Sam Cooke

A Change Is Gonna Come | Dwayne

I Can See Clearly Now | Jimmy Cliff

What's Going On? | Marvin Gaye

'We Can Rock The World's Foundation': 1971 And Black Music In Revolt | NPR

The National Anthem | Marvin Gaye

The Way it Is | Bruce Hornsby & the Range

Jesus is the Best Thing | James Cleveland

People Get Ready | Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions

Freedom | Jon Batiste

Everybody Deserves to be Free | Deva Mahal with the Resistance Revival Chorus

How Great Thou Art | Wintley Phipps

Black Gold | Esperanza Spaulding

Mississippi Goddam | Nina Simone

The Prayer | Donnie McClurkin and Yolanda Adams

Precious Lord Take My Hand | Mahalia Jackson

Just a Closer Walk with Thee | Mahalia Jackson

Just a Closer Walk with Thee | Selah Jubilee Singers

Just a Closer Walk with Thee | Patsy Cline

Lift Every Voice and Sing | Berklee We Will Rise Summit

All Nations Rise | Lyla June

Talkin' Bout a Revolution | Tracy Chapman

I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free | Nina Simone

Believe For It | CeCe Winans

Living For the City | Stevie Wonder

Put Your Records On | Corrine Bailey Rae

I Can't Breathe | H.E.R.

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[Slave Voyages](#)

[Slavery & Freedom | The National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

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[Civil Rights History Project | The National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

[Talking about Rac | The National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

[Juneteenth | The National Museum of African American History and Culture](#)

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[The Colored Girls Museum](#)

[Urgent Care Exhibition | The Colored Girls Museum](#)

[Virtual Reality Tour of The Colored Girls Museum](#)

Colleges

[Pace Center For Civic Engagement | Princeton University](#)

[Sign up for Pace Center Newsletter](#)

[Comprehensive List of Resources for Education and Action](#)

[Resources for Racial Justice | Yale University](#)

[Stolen Lives Project](#)

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Dismantling Structural Racism

Eddie Moore 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge

Eddie Moore 21-Day Challenge: #MooreSelfCare

New Jersey Histories

Afro Americans in New Jersey: A Short History | New Jersey State Library

Additional Sources of Prayers

The Anti-Racism Prayer Book | Trinity Church Boston

Prayer for Racial Healing | Catholic Charities USA

Racial Reconciliation | The Episcopal Church

Prayers for Racial Justice and Reconciliation | Xavier University

A Prayer for Social and Racial Justice | Dr. Barbara Williams-Skinner

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Resolution Calling for the Abolition of For-Profit Private Prisons (2003)

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Honest Patriotism and Rationale for Honesty

"A Letter to Presbyterians:" The PCUSA 1953 General Council Challenge to McCarthyism (1953)

Lift Every Voice: Democracy, Voting Rights, and Electoral Reform (2008)

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The Precautionary Principle: Managing Technological Risks to Protect Humanity and our Planet

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