

Living Room Conversations on White Racism

Resource List

INTRODUCTION & DISCUSSION STARTERS

Why Are We Still Talking About Racism? (4:30 minute video; Black voices testify)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NwdJj8InkNc>

Is racism over yet? (6:19 minute rapid-fire overview by a passionate young adult Laci Green)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_hx30zOi9I

“I, Racist” by John Metta (text of a reflection given at Bethel Congregational United Church of Christ in June)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/john-metta/i-racist_b_7770652.html

“We can talk about race without fighting or getting defensive, if we’re willing to learn how” by Sydney Trent

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/news/inspired-life/wp/2015/03/09/why-americans-fear-talking-about-race-and-how-you-can-lead-the-way/>

“White Fragility: Why it’s so hard to talk to white people about racism” by Robin DiAngelo

<http://goodmenproject.com/featured-content/white-fragility-why-its-so-hard-to-talk-to-white-people-about-racism-twlm/>

The Color of Fear (Diversitytrainingfilms.com)

Just Be American scene <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AzLTyp0ZBx4>

What it Means to be American scene <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2nmhAJYxFT4>

The 'Red Ground' scene https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-vAbpJW_xEc

RACISM: FRAMEWORK

“Levels of racism: A theoretic framework and a gardener's tale” by Camara Phyllis Jones. Published in the American Journal of Public Health (August 2000), provided courtesy of American Public Health Association:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1446334/pdf/10936998.pdf>. You will find a link to a video presentation by the author here: <http://www.citymatch.org/special-reports/gardeners-tale-dr-camara-jones>

TED talk (Danger of a single story) by novelist Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie:

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story

HISTORY & ITS IMPACT TODAY

A stunning two-minute video of the transatlantic slave trade:

http://www.slate.com/articles/life/the_history_of_american_slavery/2015/06/animated_interactive_of_the_history_of_the_atlantic_slave_trade.html?wpsrc=sh_all_dt_tw_top

The summer 2015 issue of YES! Magazine has a number of relevant articles, including this factual overview of the economic impact and legacy of slavery in the U.S.: <http://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/make-it-right/infographic-40-acres-and-a-mule-would-be-at-least-64-trillion-today>

Race: The Power of an Illusion. This PBS series is in three parts, each about 55 min. The third in the series (The House We Live In) gives a very revealing history of 20th century housing policy in the the U.S. along with legal concepts of whiteness. The video has been online at various times, but usually gets taken down. I'm sure the university has it. http://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-about-03.htm

WHITE PRIVILEGE

“White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack”, by Peggy McIntosh. Read through the list of 50 items she lists as daily effects of white privilege:

http://www.cirtl.net/files/PartI_CreatingAwareness_WhitePrivilegeUnpackingtheInvisibleKnapsack.pdf

“The 8 White Identities”, by Barnor Hesse, Associate Professor of African American Studies, Political Science, and Sociology at Northwestern University:

<http://reverseracism.tumblr.com/post/57939811587/the-8-white-identities-by-barnor-hesse-breaking>

MICROAGGRESSIONS

“If Microaggressions Happened to White People” Decoded (MTV News)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KPRA4g-3yEk>

“Unmasking 'racial micro aggressions'” by Tori DeAngelis

<http://www.apa.org/monitor/2009/02/microaggression.aspx>

MENNONITE HISTORY & RESOURCES

“A Prophet Pushed Out: Vincent Harding and the Mennonites,” by Tobin Miller Shearer:

<http://ml.bethelks.edu/issue/vol-69/article/a-prophet-pushed-out-vincent-harding-and-the-menno/>

“Dialogue Matters” by Mennonite pastor Drew Hart, who champions a faith stance he calls “Anablacktivism.”

<http://ml.bethelks.edu/issue/vol-69/article/dialogue-matters-and-other-ongoing-gifts-we-can-re/>

Undoing racism and advancing intercultural transformation is one of the seven priorities laid out in Mennonite Church USA’s *Purposeful Plan*. <http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/undoing-racism>

Communities of Hope is a process for assisting congregations in becoming more culturally competent and working at undoing racism. Iris de Leon-Hartshorn, director for Transformative Peacemaking, is the coordinator of the Communities of Hope design team. This team works to create trainings that can be utilized by facilitators across Mennonite Church USA.

<http://mennoniteusa.org/what-we-do/undoing-racism/communities-of-hope/>

Damascus Road Antiracism Process, which originated with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) and still receives the support of MCC. <http://rootsofjusticetraining.org/workshops/damascusroad/>

So that We May Be One: MCC United in the Work of Anti-Racism.

<http://truepeaceisjustice.org/mcc-looks-inward-with-new-anti-racism-process/>

TAKING ACTION

“How to be an interrupter”: <http://sdcitybeat.com/print-article-14399-print.html>

“How to tell someone they sound racist” by Jay Smooth: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0Ti-gkJiXc>

Guidelines for Being Strong White Allies by Paul Kivel (adapted from Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Social Justice). <https://www.nasco.coop/resources/guidelines-being-strong-white-allies>
(PDF file is listed on the webpage)

INTERACTIVE RESOURCES

Project Implicit's Hidden Bias Tests: www.tolerance.org/activity/test-yourself-hidden-bias

What is the racial constitution of your neighborhood? C-U 2010 census data which allows you to zoom in on your neighborhood. <http://demographics.coopercenter.org/DotMap/>

Simulation game on how segregation occurs and is maintained or corrected based on the slightest of preferences: <http://ncase.me/polygons/>.