

CONNECTIONS FOR YOUR ANTI-RACISM WORK



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LISTEN podcasts

CODE SWITCH (NPR)

This podcast features a multi-racial, multi-generational team of journalists fascinated by the overlapping themes of race, ethnicity and culture, how they play out in our lives and communities, and how all of this is shifting.

TRUTH'S TABLE

Michelle Higgins, Christina Edmondson, and Ekemini Uwan are Black Christian women who love truth.

1619 (NY TIMES)

Listen to this audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.

HOOD POLITICS WITH PROPAGANDA

Join rapper and author Propaganda and his friends as they use their "hood-knowledge" (his words) to break down the political scene.

WATCH tv/movies/docs

JUST MERCY (MOVIE)

"Just Mercy" is based on the powerful and thought-provoking true story of young lawyer Bryan Stevenson (Jordan) and his history-making battle for justice.

THE HATE U GIVE (MOVIE)

Based on the YA novel by Angie Thomas, this award-winning movie is about Starr Carter, a teen who witnesses the fatal shooting of her friend at the hands of a police officer.

13TH (DOCUMENTARY)

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. (Netflix has released this free to everyone on YouTube.)

UNITED SHADES OF AMERICA (TV)

W. Kamau Bell is a sociopolitical comedian who is the host and executive producer of the Emmy Award-winning CNN Original Series "United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell."

RETHINKING INCARCERATION

This free video series and discussion guide from theologian and historian Dominique DuBois Gilliard examining the secular and church history through which we have ultimately arrived at having more people incarcerated than any country in the history of the world. Gilliard illustrates how Christians have been complicit in constructing a justice system that is anything but.

BE THE BRIDGE DISCUSSION GUIDES

The Bridge To Racial Unity Discussion Guide 2.0 is a Christian-based guide taking 3-12 people through a 9-session study on the key steps of Awareness, Acknowledgement and Lament, Guilt and Shame, Confession, Forgiveness, Repentance, Reparation, Restoration, and Reproduction.

LEARN education

MOCKINGBIRD HISTORY LESSONS

These history lessons for adults by Marcie Walker aim to challenge our biases and fears with curiosity and hopefulness. Marcie says, "I believe that becoming familiar with the dark places of our history has unimaginable power to change us."

THE GREAT UNLEARN

Activist and writer Rachel Cargle provides a syllabus of resources and critical discourse to aid in unlearning, provide education, and inspire meaningful action.

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THE COLOR OF COMPROMISE BY JEMAR TISBY

The Color of Compromise takes readers on a historical journey: from America's early colonial days through slavery and the Civil War, covering the tragedy of Jim Crow laws and the victories of the Civil Rights era, to today's Black Lives Matter movement. Author Jemar Tisby reveals the obvious—and the far more subtle—ways the American church has compromised what the Bible teaches about human dignity and equality.

WHITE FRAGILITY BY ROBIN DIANGELOU

Why is it so hard for white people to talk about racism?

I'M STILL HERE BY AUSTIN CHANNING BROWN

I'M STILL HERE is an illuminating look at how white, middle-class Evangelicalism has participated in an era of rising racial hostility, inviting the reader to confront apathy, recognize God's ongoing work in the world, and discover how blackness - if we let it - can save us all.

HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST BY IBRAM X. KENDI

Ikendi's concept of antiracism reenergizes and reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America - but even more fundamentally, points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. Instead of working with the policies and system we have in place, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it.

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HOMEGOING BY YAA GYASI

Ghana, eighteenth century: two half sisters are born into different villages, each unaware of the other. One will marry an Englishman and lead a life of comfort in the palatial rooms of the Cape Coast Castle. The other will be captured in a raid on her village, imprisoned in the very same castle, and sold into slavery. Homegoing follows the parallel paths of these sisters and their descendants through eight generations.

THE WATER DANCER BY TA-NEHISI COATES

This is the dramatic story of an atrocity inflicted on generations of women, men, and children—the violent and capricious separation of families—and the war they waged to simply make lives with the people they loved.

AMERICANAH BY CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE

A powerful, tender story of race and identity by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, the award-winning author of Half of a Yellow Sun.

THE BLUEST EYE BY TONI MORRISON

Pecola Breedlove, a young black girl, prays every day for beauty. Mocked by other children for the dark skin, curly hair, and brown eyes that set her apart, she yearns for normalcy, for the blond hair and blue eyes that she believes will allow her to finally fit in. Yet as her dream grows more fervent, her life slowly starts to disintegrate in the face of adversity and strife.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Your contribution is critical to efforts to end mass incarceration and excessive punishment in the United States, challenge racial and economic injustice, and protect the basic human rights for the most vulnerable people in American society.

BE THE BRIDGE

Equip Christian bridge-builders to bring healing and transformation towards racial justice.

NAACP

Your donation to the NAACP helps further our mission to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.

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ABIDE WOMEN'S HEALTH SERVICES

Abide Women's Health Services exists to improve birth outcomes in communities with the lowest quality of care by offering healthcare and complimentary services that are easily accessible, holistic, evidence based and free from judgment.

THE BAIL PROJECT

The Bail Project™ National Revolving Bail Fund is on a mission to combat mass incarceration and reshape the pretrial system in the United States. 100% of online donations are used to bring people home.

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podcast interviews

DR. CHRISTENA CLEVELAND // EPISODE 62

Dr. Christena Cleveland leads Kayla and Lindsay in a conversation exploring how cultural perceptions of race and gender impact the way we view God.

DR. LAYRICA HAWKINS // EPISODE 64

Dr. Hawkins is a scholar, political science professor, and activist teaching and researching at the nexus of politics, race, ethnicity, and religion and has been called a modern-day Rosa Parks by Rev. Jesse Jackson.

LATASHA MORRISON // EPISODE 70

Tasha is founded Be The Bridge and is a speaker, author, reconciler, bridge-builder, and leader, committed to educating people on racial literacy.

CESSILYE SMITH // EPISODE 69

Cessilye's work in the areas of maternal health and justice are powerful. As she works to help drop the staggering numbers of Black women who die in childbirth, we invite her in to teach us.

DOMINIQUE GILLIARD // EPISODE 39

Dominique Gilliard, author of "Rethinking Incarceration: Advocating for Justice That Restores," is an ordained minister and historian.