

Take Action to Address Racism

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- [Register To Vote!](#)
- Vote on election day!
[Research representatives](#), [local elected officials](#), [judges](#), [propositions](#), and [local measures](#). Presidential candidates are obvious, but local officials may be more impactful in the day-to-day lives of people in our communities.
- Attend a Protest (If healthy and able - there are other ways to support below)
 - Tips to “safely” protest with COVID [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)
 - Know your [rights](#) - The ACLU has great [resources](#)
 - Being an ally at protests:
 - If you are white, don't lead chants, leave that space for black people and people of color, then follow/support
 - Listen to black people/organizers for planning/directions/speeches
 - Stop taking selfies. You are here to protest, not to have a photoshoot
 - Don't come if you are only going to loot/destroy/get violent. You are not a protestor. You're a looter.
 - This isn't a party, this is not a celebration. It's a protest. Give it the respect it deserves.
 - [Film instances of police brutality](#)
 - Do not antagonize police officers.
- Volunteer Virtually
 - Social media activism
 - The [ACLU People Power](#) movement allows for virtual volunteering
 - [Sign petitions online](#) - find more petitions/prefilled scripts [here](#) and [here](#)
- Donate to Protesters Bail Funds or Family GoFundMe's
 - This is a [list](#) of vetted bail funds. Sitting in jail, where COVID is rampant, can be a death sentence
 - Find your city's version and donate if financially able → [Chicago Community Bond Fund](#)
 - GoFundMe pages for [Breonna Taylor](#) and [George Floyd](#)
- Call/Write Officials - Your own or others
 - Call local sheriffs, police, congressional representatives, city council, mayors etc. Find numbers [here](#). Tell them to support [criminal justice and police reform campaigns](#), such as [Campaign Zero](#) - Script linked [here](#). Call about [Breonna Taylor](#) too.
- [Continue](#) to [Educate](#) both Yourself and Others
 - Continue to have meaningful conversations. Look at everything as an opportunity to become more educated and more socially aware. Research the history of all forms of discrimination in our country (prison reform, qualified

immunity, voting rights, police militarization, changing political policies, movements that support social progress, and the origins of our political structures, the list goes on).

Perspectives and Further Education:

Action lists

- [8 ways to meaningfully support social justice movements](#)
- [10 ways to promote social justice everyday](#)

Articles:

- [The Case for Reparations](#) - The Atlantic - "Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole." By Ta-Nehisi Coates
- [The 1619 Project](#) - New York Times Magazine - Collection of powerful essays on the history of American slavery, and it's continued impacts on our modern systems
- [Trevor Noah](#) has some great [videos](#) of his [thoughts](#) and [perspectives](#) on what is going on right now
- [White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack](#) - Common examples of white privilege and thought provoking perspectives by Peggy McIntosh
- [Letter from a Birmingham Jail](#) - Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s eloquent response to the callous condemnation of protests by the Alabama clergymen. Responds to the idea of "outside agitators" and the worrisome role of "white moderates" in blocking the path to achieving civil rights
- Melissa Segura's BuzzFeed investigative report on the role of [Police Unions](#) in the US and how they can allow for police brutality to be commonplace and protected
- [My Life as an Undocumented Immigrant](#) by Jose Vargas
- [Who Gets to Be Afraid in America](#) - Perspective on the death of Ahmaud Aubrey and fear by Ibram X Kendi
- [The Intersectionality Wars](#) - A discussion with Kimberle Crenshaw, the woman who coined the term, "intersectionality"
- John Oliver has done some great in depth explorations of [policing](#), [accountability](#), [police militarization](#), [prison labor](#), [voting rights](#), the [justice system](#), and [more](#)
- [Political Hobbyism](#) - Article on why just discussing politics is not the same as being active in politics. By Eitan Herh
- Vice news has done some documentaries on the [current movement](#), [hate groups](#), [racism](#), and [police departments](#)
- [I Don't Know How To Explain To You That You Should Care About Other People](#) - Article on how the morality of others relates to political views. By Kayla Chadwick

Poems and Art:

- ["Caged Bird"](#) by Maya Angelou
- ["Riot"](#) by Gwendolyn Brooks
- ["I, Too"](#) by Langston Hughes
- [Collection of Civil Rights poems and the events to which they relate](#)

Films:

- *13th* - Ava DuVernay - Netflix
- *Just Mercy* - Destin Daniel Cretton - Available to rent for free in June in the U.S. Check out on Youtube, Amazon, or Google play
- *Selma* - Ava DuVernay - Available to rent
- *Moonlight* - Barry Jenkins - Hulu
- *Malcom X* - Spike Lee - Available to rent
- *Whose Streets* - Sabaah Foleyan - Hulu
- *On the Basis of Sex* - Mimi Leder - Available to Rent
- *Milk* - Gus Van Sant - Available to Rent/Hulu
- *American History X* - Tony Kaye - Available to Rent

Podcasts:

- [Code Switch](#) from NPR, the most recent episode is titled "A Decade Of Watching Black People Die"
- [Justice in America](#) exploring the criminal justice system. Episodes cover things like cash bail and the growing power of prosecutors
- [All My Relations](#) exploring relationships as Native peoples -- relationships to land, to ancestors, and to each other

Organizations That Support Actions for Racial Justice and Anti-Discrimination to donate to, learn more about, and support!

- [ACLU](#) - Defends individuals against injustices and infringements against constitutionally protected civil liberties (protests, criminal due process rights)
- [Alliance for Justice](#) - Progressive judicial advocacy group, represents progressive interests in federal lawsuits/cases, seeks to advance liberal judicial nominees
- [American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee](#) - Civil rights advocacy for Arab Americans
- [Anti-Defamation League](#) - Advocacy group that works to stop the defamation of the Jewish people and to secure justice and fair treatment to all

- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#) - advocacy group for Asian Americans
- [Black Lives Matter](#) - Advocacy group that works to advance the human rights of Blacks, campaign against police violence, and end forms of systemic racism
- [Chicago Freedom School](#) - Rooted in the long legacy of liberatory education, Chicago Freedom School provides training and education for young people and adult allies to create a just world
- [Equal Justice Initiative](#) - Bryan Stevenson's prominent civil rights law firm advocates for racial justice and works to free the wrongfully convicted
- [FairFight](#) - Stacey Abram's organization advocates against modern voting suppression and promotes strengthened democracy by championing voting reform
- [FairTest](#) - works to end systemic biases in barriers to higher education and standardized testing
- [Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#) - Safeguards the civil rights of the 35 million Latinos living in the United States and empowers the Latino community to fully participate in our society
- [NAACP/NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund](#) - protects and enhances the civil rights of African Americans and other minorities
- [National Civic Leagues](#) - non-profit, non-partisan organization dedicated to strengthening citizen democracy by transforming democratic institutions
- [National Gay and Lesbian Task Force](#) - Advocates for the civil rights of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people
- [National Women's Law Center](#) - Protects and advances the progress of women and girls at work, in school, and in virtually every aspect of their lives
- [Native American Rights Fund](#) - Works for preservation of tribal existence, the protection of tribal natural resources, the promotion of human rights, the accountability of governments, the development of Indian law and educating the public about Indian rights, laws, and issues
- [Rainbow/PUSH Coalition](#) - A multiracial, multi-issue, international membership organization founded by Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., uniting people of diverse ethnic, religious, economic and political backgrounds to make America's promise of "liberty and justice for all" a reality
- [Southern Poverty Law Center](#) - Advocacy group for civil rights that monitors hate groups throughout the US
- [Unidos US](#) - Works to reduce poverty and discrimination, and improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans