

Readings (i.e., Books and Articles)

- [Talking about Race](#)
A guide from the National Museum of African American History and Culture on how to discuss race. Tools for educators and parents are included.
- [Anti-Racist Resources from the New York Institute of Technology](#)
This page defines key terms and provides introductory information about racism, as well as links to related books and other media.
- [Educational Resources List](#)
This link includes research articles, news stories, books, and other media resources to understand race, oppression, discrimination, and racism.
- [Maintaining Professionalism In The Age of Black Death Is...A Lot](#)
A first person narrative about Black professionals working during this time.
- [75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice](#)
This article includes actions white people can take to work toward racial justice and support Black communities.
- [30+ Ways Asians Perpetuate Anti-Black Racism Everyday](#)
This op-ed details ways members of the Asian community can perpetuate anti-Black racism, from escalating situations by calling the police, colorism, and forgetting how social justice movements led by and with the Black community significantly benefited the Asian community.
- [20 Allyship Actions for Asians to Show Up for the Black Community Right Now](#)
This op-ed explains how the Asian community can actively show up for the Black community by challenging the model minority myth, organizing individual fundraisers, and listening, among other actions.
- [Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit](#)
This toolkit is module-based and is designed to begin with people's lived experiences, and to build structural awareness of why those experiences are happening and how they are tied to the oppression of others. By highlighting the role of people's resistance both past and present, the toolkit also seeks to build hope and a commitment to political struggle.
- [Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram Kendi](#)
In this deeply researched and fast-moving narrative, Kendi chronicles the entire story of anti-Black racist ideas and their staggering power over the course of American history.
- [The Color of Law by Richard Rothstein](#)
In this groundbreaking history of the modern American metropolis, Richard Rothstein, a leading authority on housing policy, explodes the myth that America's cities came to be racially divided through de facto segregation.
- [The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander](#)
The New Jim Crow is a stunning account of the rebirth of a caste-like system in the United States, one that has resulted in millions of African Americans locked behind bars and then relegated to a permanent second-class status—denied the very rights supposedly won in the Civil Rights Movement.

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Books (U-M Library Collection)

- [Killing the Black Body](#)
Access: Available print only to U-M users
This book exposes America's systemic abuse of Black women's bodies. From slave masters' economic stake in bonded women's fertility to government programs that coerced thousands of poor Black women into being sterilized as late as the 1970s, these abuses pointed to the degradation of Black motherhood—and the exclusion of Black women's reproductive needs in mainstream feminist and civil rights agendas.
- [Fatal Invention](#)
Access: Available online to UM users
This groundbreaking book by legal scholar and social critic Dorothy Roberts examines how the myth of race as a biological concept -- revived by purportedly cutting-edge science, race-specific drugs, genetic testing, and DNA databases -- continues to undermine a just society and promote inequality in a supposedly "post-racial" era.
- [Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in American Life](#)
Access: Print only
Most people assume that racism grows from a perception of human difference: the fact of race gives rise to the practice of racism. Sociologist Karen E. Fields and historian Barbara J. Fields argue otherwise: the practice of racism produces the illusion of race, through what they call "racecraft."
- [Medical Apartheid](#)
Access: online to U-M users and in print
Medical Apartheid is the first and only comprehensive history of medical experimentation on African Americans. Starting with the earliest encounters between black Americans and Western medical researchers and the racist pseudoscience that resulted, it details the ways both slaves and freedmen were used in hospitals for experiments conducted without their knowledge—a tradition that continues today within some black populations.
- [The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration](#)
Access: Available online to U-M users
In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Isabel Wilkerson chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.
- [Sister Citizen: Shame, Stereotypes, and Black Women in America](#)
Access: Available online to U-M users
In this groundbreaking book, Melissa V. Harris-Perry uses multiple methods of inquiry, including literary analysis, political theory, focus groups, surveys, and experimental research, to understand more deeply Black women's political and emotional responses to pervasive negative race and gender images.
- [Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in Schools](#)
Access: Available online to U-M users and in print
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whose intricate lives are misunderstood, highly judged—by teachers, administrators, and the justice system—and degraded by the very institutions charged with helping them flourish.

- [The Color of the Third Degree](#)

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The Color of the Third Degree uncovers the still-hidden history of police torture in the Jim Crow South. Based on a wide array of previously neglected archival sources, Silvan Niedermeier argues that as public lynching decreased, less visible practices of racial subjugation and repression became central to southern white supremacy.

- [Hands Up, Don't Shoot: Why the Protests in Ferguson and Baltimore Matter, and How They Changed America](#)

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In Hands Up, Don't Shoot, Jennifer Cobbina draws on in-depth interviews with nearly two hundred residents of Ferguson and Baltimore, conducted within two months of the deaths of Michael Brown and Freddie Gray. She examines how protestors in both cities understood their experiences with the police, how those experiences influenced their perceptions of policing, what galvanized Black Lives Matter as a social movement, and how policing tactics during demonstrations influenced subsequent mobilization decisions among protestors.

- [You Can't Stop the Revolution: Community Disorder and Social Ties in Post-Ferguson America](#)

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You Can't Stop the Revolution is a vivid participant ethnography conducted from inside of Ferguson protests as the Black Lives Matter movement catapulted onto the global stage. Sociologist Andrea S. Boyles offers an everyday montage of protests, social ties, and empowerment that coalesced to safeguard Black lives while igniting unprecedented twenty-first-century resistance.

- [The Black and the Blue : A Cop Reveals the Crimes, Racism, and Injustice in America's Law Enforcement](#)

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Through gut-wrenching reportage, on-the-ground research, and personal accounts from interviews with police and government officials around the country, author Matthew Horace presents an insider's examination of archaic police tactics.

- [Inequality, Crime, and Health among African American Males Enduring Social Costs of Racial Inequality](#)

Access: Available online to U-M users

The authors draw from an array of theoretical and methodological frameworks to illustrate how poor outcomes and sharp disparities among individuals and communities can be linked to the interplay of multiple factors operating at multiple levels, with a particular focus on African American males.

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Multimedia (i.e., Webinars, Videos and Movies)

- [Jane Elliott on Her "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Exercise" and Fighting Racism](#)
Teacher and diversity trainer Jane Elliott talks to Jimmy Fallon about her "Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Exercise," the construct of race, and what everyone can do in the fight against racism.
- [Color Blind or Color Brave?](#)
In this TEDX talk, finance executive Mellody Hobson makes the case that speaking openly about race — and particularly about diversity in hiring — makes for better businesses and a better society.
- [Code Switch](#)
Code Switch is a multi-racial, multi-generational team of NPR journalists who cover race and identity. This article features a compilation of Code Switch coverage of race and policing, both from the podcast and the blog.
- [PBS Series "Asian Americans"](#)
Asian Americans is a five-hour film series that delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. Told through intimate personal stories, the series will cast a new lens on U.S. history and the ongoing role that Asian Americans have played.

- [13th](#)
Filmmaker Ava DuVernay explores the history of racial inequality in the United States, focusing on the fact that the nation's prisons are disproportionately filled with African-Americans. In this thought-provoking documentary, scholars, activists, and politicians analyze the criminalization of African Americans and the U.S. prison boom.
- [Prioritizing Equity Video Series: Police Brutality & COVID-19](#)
This panel from the American Medical Association features health equity leaders who discuss how physicians and others can address root causes of inequity by naming racism.
- [History of Police in Creating Social Order in the United States](#)
This NPR segment details the historical role of police in preserving power and social order.
- [Special Report: America in Black and Blue](#)
The PBS NewsHour weekend special explores the tensions between America's diverse communities and their local police forces, the efforts in many communities to find healing, and the delicate balance between essential law enforcement and protecting the civil and human rights of all Americans.
- [How to deconstruct racism, one headline at a time](#)
Baratunde Thurston, author of the New York Times bestselling book How to Be Black, breaks down the numerous headlines of white people calling the police on Black people. He proceeds to explore the different levels of white supremacy while using comedy and challenging the audience to change these narratives and level up.

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Campaigns

- [Justice in June Action Calendar](#)
This calendar provides a schedule of what to do each day to become more informed and an active ally to the Black community.
- [List of Bail Funds](#)
A collection of community resources for protestors around the country.
- [Black Scientists Call Out Racism in Their Institutions](#)
This article explains how Black scientists and students have shared their experiences of being dismissed and discriminated against in academia on Twitter using hashtags such as #BlackEHSmatters and #BlackintheIvory. Many also participated in a June 10th strike meant to shut down STEM industries in support of the Black Lives Matter movement.

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Data and Data Visualization

- [Fatal Force: Police Shooting Database from The Washington Post](#)
In 2015, The Washington Post began to log every fatal shooting by an on-duty police officer in the United States. In that time there have been more than 5,000 such shootings recorded by The Post. This database analyzes the frequency, demographics, and geographic spread of these shootings.
- [Number of People Shot to Death by the Police in the United States from 2017 to 2020, by Age Group](#)
This page from Statista features a graph that breaks down fatal police shootings by age group, using data from The Washington Post.
- [Mapping Police Violence](#)
Mapping Police Violence is a research collaborative collecting comprehensive data on police killings nationwide to quantify the impact of police violence in communities.

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Infographics

- [Black Americans 2.5X More Likely than Whites to Be Killed By Police](#)
This Statista infographic shows the percent disparity between each state's African American population and the percentage of Black people killed by police in 2019.
- [U.S. Police Shootings: Black Americans Disproportionately Affected](#)
This Statista infographic visualizes how Black Americans are disproportionately affected by police violence. Black Americans account for less than 13 percent of the population but they are shot and killed by the police at a rate that's over twice as high as for white Americans.
- [Higher Rate of Police Force on Black People in Minneapolis](#)
This Statista infographic focuses on the Minneapolis Police Department's use of force, finding that they use force against Black people at 7 times the rate of white people in the city during police encounters.