ALLIANCE FOR GUN RESPONSIBILITY

SOLIDARITY GUIDE
THE FIGHT TO END GUN VIOLENCE MUST INCLUDE THE FIGHT FOR RACIAL JUSTICE.

Our goal at the Alliance is to end the crisis of gun violence in our communities. In order to achieve that goal, we must acknowledge that the history of gun violence and gun laws in the United States is completely intertwined with white supremacy and structural racism. In fighting to dismantle those, we are also fighting against gun violence.

The Second Amendment has a history of being used as a tool of White Supremacy. Today’s police structure dates back to slave patrols in colonial America and has evolved into the institution that disproportionately stops, arrests, harasses, and wields violence against Black people. Structural racism locks entire neighborhoods out of economic opportunity and into cycles of poverty, allowing violence to take root. And attempts to oppress and control people of color created the modern gun lobby, which regularly traffics in white supremacist messaging and stokes fear about people of color in an attempt to drive gun sales.

It is our responsibility to fight alongside others to root out the racism and injustice that is knit into the fabric of our country. We cannot end the gun violence epidemic without doing so.

We stand in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement and those protesting and marching for justice.

To our Black community members: We see you. We support you. We are listening.

To our non-Black community members, especially to our White community: This is our responsibility. It’s time to get to work. It is time to examine anti-Black racism in ourselves and our communities. It is time to make being anti-racist a part of our daily lives. It is time to listen to Black voices and to amplify their message. It is time to use our position to give our attention, our respect, our time, and our money to those who have been doing this work for years.

At the Alliance, it is our commitment to examine our own biases and practices in order to become meaningful accomplices in the fight to dismantle white supremacy. With this in mind, we have compiled a list of resources—including books, articles, podcasts, films, and action items—that we have found helpful in understanding this work. We hope you will find them useful too.

We know this is far from an exhaustive list. Our hope is to continue updating it as we find more information and continue this conversation. Please send any feedback or suggestions to info@wagunresponsibility.org.
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EDUCATION

BOOKS:

- **Just Mercy** by Bryan Stevenson
- **Born a Crime** by Trevor Noah
- **Free Cyntoia: My Search for Redemption in the American Prison System** by Cyntoia Brown-Long
- **Are Prisons Obsolete?** by Angela Davis
- **Women, Race, & Class** by Angela Davis
- **Black Feminist Thought** by Patricia Hill Collins
- **Eloquent Rage: A Black Feminist Discovers Her Superpower** by Dr. Brittney Cooper
- **Heavy: An American Memoir** by Kiese Laymon
- **How To Be An Antiracist** by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi
- **I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings** by Maya Angelou
- **Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color** by Andrea J. Ritchie
- **Me and White Supremacy** by Layla F. Saad
- **Raising Our Hands** by Jenna Arnold
- **Redefining Realness** by Janet Mock
- **Sister Outsider** by Audre Lorde
- **So You Want to Talk About Race** by Ijeoma Oluo
- **The Fire Next Time** by James Baldwin
- **The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness** by Michelle Alexander
- **The Next American Revolution: Sustainable Activism for the Twenty-First Century** by Grace Lee Boggs
- **The Warmth of Other Suns** by Isabel Wilkerson
- **This Bridge Called My Back: Writings by Radical Women of Color** by Cherríe Moraga
- **When Affirmative Action Was White: An Untold History of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century America** by Ira Katznelson
BLACK OWNED BOOKSTORES:
Estelita’s Library (WA)
African American Literature Book Club
Black-Owned Bookstores to Support Right Now (and Always)
The Black-Owned Bookstores You Should Be Supporting Right Now
Black-Owned Bookstores to Support Now

ARTICLES:
75 Things White People Can Do for Racial Justice by Corinne Shutack:
What Is White Privilege, Really? by Cory Collins:
Is Prison Necessary? by Ruth Wilson Gilmore
Recognizing And Dismantling Your Anti-Blackness by Janice Gassam
From Police to Parole, Black and White Americans Differ Widely in Their Views of Criminal Justice by John Gramlich
The Racist History Of Policing In America by Emmanuel Perilla
In Defense of Looting by Vicky Osterweil
The Coronavirus Was an Emergency Until Trump Found Out Who Was Dying by Adam Serwer
The Case for Reparations by Ta-Nehisi Coates
Why Seeing Yourself Represented on Screen Is So Important by Kimberley Lawson
Who Gets to Be Afraid in America? by Dr. Ibram X. Kendi:
Freedom to Thrive: Reimagining Safety and Security in Our Communities
Colorblindness: the New Racism? by Afi-Odelia E. Scruggs
Color-Blindness Is Counterproductive by Adia Harvey Wingfield
MOVIES, DOCUMENTARIES, AND SHOWS:
  The Hate U Give directed by George Tillman Jr.
  Teach Us All directed by Sonia Lowman
  When They See Us directed by Ava DuVernay
  13th directed by Ava DuVernay

PODCASTS:
  1619 Project by Nikole Hannah-Jones
  About Race by Anna Holmes
  Code Switch: Race. In Your Face by Shereen Marisol Meraji
  Intersectionality Matters! by Kimberle Crenshaw
  Momentum: A Race Forward Podcast

YOUTUBE VIDEOS:
  Let’s get to the root of racial injustice
  The Urgency of Intersectionality
  We Need To Talk About An Injustice
  Don’t be a savior, be an ally
  Public Address On Revolution: Revolution Now
  From Reform to Abolition: The Future of the U.S. Prison System
  Black Feminism & the Movement for Black Lives
  How Studying Privilege Systems Can Strengthen Compassion wby Peggy McIntosh

WEBINARS:
  Educate Yourself: Online Racial Equity Workshops

DATA AND INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:
  Mapping Police Violence
  Fatal Force
  Movement 4 Black Lives
  Campaign Zero
ACTIONABLE ITEMS

BAIL FUNDS:
Northwest Community Bail Fund
Justice for Breonna Taylor
Seattle Clemency Project
Nationwide Bail Fund
The Bail Project

ORGANIZATION FUNDS:
King County Equity Now
WA Black Trans Force

PETITIONS:
Pardon Black Woman Imprisoned for Voting
Justice For Alejandro Vargas Martinez
Justice for Jennifer Jeffley
Willie Simmons has served 38 years for a $9 robbery
Drop All Charges Against Incarcerated Trafficking Survivor Chrystul Kizer!
Justice For Ahmuad Arbery
Free Chaffin Darnel Y
Justice for Breonna
Justice for Manuel Ellis
JOY AND LEISURE

BOOKS:

Don’t Call Us Dead: Danez Smith (poetry)
Welcome To Braggsville: A Novel by T. Geronimo Johnson
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
How We Get Free by Keeanga-Yamahhtta Taylor
That Could Be Enough by Alyssa Cole
The Lonely Letters by Ashon Crawley
Sing, Unburied, Sing by Jesmyn Ward
Whatever Happened to Interracial Love by Kathleen Collins
Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments by Saidiya Hartman
The Poet X by Elizabeth Acevedo
Mannish Tongues by Jayy Dodd
Loving Day by Mat Johnson
The Deep by Rivers Soloman
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Swing Time by Zadie Smith
Ordinary Light by Tracy K. Smith
The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison
Their Eyes Were Watching God by Zora Neale Hurston

ART:

Black artists on Etsy
Films/TV shows (IMDB LINKS)
Dear White People created by Justin Simien
Moonlight directed by Barry Jenkins
Get Out directed by Jordan Peele
BlacKKKlansman directed by Spike Lee
If Beale Street Could Talk directed by Barry Jenkins
Black Panther directed by Ryan Coogler
Boyz n the Hood directed by John Singleton
BLACK-OWNED BUSINESSES

Nationwide
Black-Owned Farms
WA County Specific

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

WA Therapy Fund Ashley McGirt (founder)
The Loveland Foundation Rachel Cargle (therapy and mental health)
Anti-Racism, Racial Justice, and Abolition Resources by Sujata Tejwani, Sujata Strategies
Scaffold Anti-Racist Resources Anna Stamborski, M. Div Candidate (2022);
Nikki Zimmermann, M. Div candidate (2021); Bailie Gregory, M. Div, M.S. Ed.
Anti-racism resources for white people Sarah Sophie Flicker, Alyssa Klein in May 2020.
Anti-racism Resource Guide Tasha K
ANTI-RACISM RESOURCES

Seattle Rep
Organizations to follow on social media
Antiracism Center: Twitter
Audre Lorde Project: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Black Women’s Blueprint: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Color Of Change: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Colorlines: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
The Conscious Kid: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Equal Justice Initiative (EJI): Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Families Belong Together: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Justice League NYC: Twitter | Instagram + Gathering For Justice: Twitter | Instagram
The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
The Movement For Black Lives (M4BL): Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
MPowerChange: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Muslim Girl: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
NAACP: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
National Domestic Workers Alliance: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
RAICES: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
Showing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ): Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
SisterSong: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook
United We Dream: Twitter | Instagram | Facebook