



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 Cherrie 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-Yamahhhta 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 Solomon
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
BlackKKKlansman 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 Tejawani, 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



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