

BRIEF ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Raising Consciousness—White Privilege & Creation of Race

Videos and DVDs

Race: The Power of an Illusion. California Newsreel. 2003.

Three-part series, 56 minutes each. PBS series that challenges the idea of race as it has been understood through science, history and social institutions. While recent scientific evidence shows biological race is a myth—the idea is functions in powerful and destructive ways. Discussion Guide on line. http://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-discussion.htm

The Rise and Fall of Jim Crow. California Newsreel, 2002.

Four segments document the creation of a new form of separation and subordination of blacks following the US Civil War to the beginning of the Civil Rights movement.

<http://newsreel.org/video/the-rise-and-fall-of-jim-crow>

Slavery by Another Name. PBS, 2012.

A 90-minute documentary that tells how even as chattel slavery came to an end in 1865, tens of thousands of black men, often guilty of no crime at all, were arrested, compelled to work without pay, repeatedly bought and sold, and coerced to do the bidding of masters. Tolerated by both the North and South, this form of control immediately preceded today's system of mass incarceration. <http://www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-name/watch/>

Ethnic Notions. California Newsreel. 1987. 56 minutes, color.

Describes how American society created images of black people showing them as docile, loyal, and simple (the mammy and uncle), lazy and incapable of self-direction (pickaninny, sambo), childishy entertaining or viciously brutal. These deeply ingrained images remain powerful in American culture. Transcript at <http://www.newsreel.org/transcripts/ethnicno.htm>

Eyes on the Prize. Series 1: *The Civil Rights Years: 1954-1965*. Series 2: *America at the Racial Crossroads 1965-1985*. PBS, 1987, 1990.

PBS documentary of the Civil Rights movement in America. Essential viewing. Fourteen episodes.

<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

True Colors. ABC News. 1996. 19 minutes, color.

ABC followed two college-educated men in their mid-30s, one black and one white, through a variety of situations. Using a hidden camera, the film shows differences in the way they are treated as they try to rent an apartment, apply for a job, buy a car, and shop.

Part 1: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YyL5EcAwB9c>

Part 2 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gOS3BBmUxvs>

Broken on All Sides: Race, Incarceration, and New Visions for Criminal Justice in the US.

Documentary by Matt Pillischer showing how mass incarceration has become "The New Jim Crow." Since the rise of "tough on crime" policies and expansion of prisons, and because discretion allows targeting of people of color, we are living under a new form of racial caste.

<http://www.seedandspark.com/cinema/broken-all-sides>

Websites

National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. A non-religious site designed to inspire people to speak up in the face of injustice and for the spirit of freedom.

www.freedomcenter.org

Books: Descriptions of the Problem

James H. Cone. *The cross and the lynching tree*. Orbis Books, 2014. Cone explores the symbols of the cross and the lynching tree in black experience. He highlights the lack of focus and scholarship of white theologians related to race and the church.

Ian F. Haney Lopez. *White by Law: The Legal Construction of Race*. New York University Press, 1996. Shows how “white” has been defined in the history of the United States, demonstrating that race is primarily a social construct enforced by law.

Jennifer Harvey, K.A. Case. & R.H. Gorsline. *Disrupting white supremacy from within: White people on what we need to do*. Pilgrim Press 2004. Edited volume highlighting the nature of race, racism, and white supremacy.

Paula S Rothenberg. *White Privilege : Essential Readings on the Other Side of Racism*. 2nd Edition. Worth Publishers, 2004. A collection of essays designed for teaching purposes, to raise consciousness of issues of white privilege. Questions for thinking, writing and discussing close each major section.

Beverly Daniel Tatum. *Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting Together in the Cafeteria? And Other Conversations about Race*. BasicBooks, 2003. Deals frankly with issues concerning the development of black and white identity, and makes suggestions for starting a cross-racial dialogue.

Lena Williams. *It's the Little Things: Everyday Interactions that Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races*. Harvest Book, 2000. The author identifies the misunderstanding and miscommunication between blacks and whites that breed mistrust and anger. “Candid and enlightening—what blacks and whites say about each other, but not to each other.”

Michael O. Emerson, Christian Smith. *Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America*. Oxford University Press, 2000. The authors document the “racialization” of American churches. They contend that conservative Christians inadvertently perpetuate this situation by failing to recognize the systemic racism and white privilege that exists in American society and the American churches.

Michelle Alexander. *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*. Rev. ed., The New Press, 2012. Stunning documentation and commentary on how the system developed and its perpetuation of racist social and legal policies. Must read.

Books:—Solutions to the Problem

Curtis Paul DeYoung, et. al. *United By Faith: The Multiracial Congregation as an Answer to the Problem of Race*. Oxford, 2003. A sequel to *Divided by Faith*. Advances a compelling case for why Christians must move away from the de facto segregation of the churches. With stories of actual multiracial churches and the struggles they have experienced, the authors urge Christians of all races to catch the vision for a racially reconciled life together.

Paul Kivel. *Uprooting Racism: How White People Can Work for Racial Justice*, 3rd Edition. New Society Publishers, 2011. Kivel offers a framework for understanding institutional racism and provides practical suggestions, tools, examples, and advice on how white people can intervene in interpersonal and organizational situations to work as allies for racial justice.

Soong-Chan Rah. *The Next Evangelicalism: Freeing the Church from Western Cultural Captivity*. IVP Books, 2009. Calls the North American church to escape its captivity to Western cultural trappings and to embrace a Christianity that is diverse and multiethnic. Exposes the racism of American churches and provides specific ways of breaking down the walls.

Jennifer Harvey. *Dear White Christians: For Those Still Longing for Racial Reconciliation*. Eerdmans, 2014. A powerful analysis of why current Christian dialogue about racial reconciliation does not work. The author makes a case that the racialization of American society and the healing of the church cannot be repaired without embracing a “reparations paradigm.”