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Resources for Adult Education Series on Race

Session Two – Impact of Race on Our Society

October 30, 2022

Podcasts

“Seeing White” (Excellent 14 part series; first three podcasts listed below. We listened to S2E2 “How Race was Made” on Oct. 2. And here's the link to John Biewen's TED talk summarizing the Scene on Radio podcast. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qy-r-3W2Fkg>

[S2 E1: Turning the Lens \(An introduction to our series exploring what it means to be White\)](#)

[S2 E2: How Race Was Made \(Who invented race as we know it, and why?\)](#)

[S2 E3: Made in America \(The innovations that built American slavery are inseparable from the construction of Whiteness as we know it today.\)](#)

Articles we handed out or recommended on Oct. 30

- “Racial Microaggressions Take a Major Toll on Black Americans” by Michele Singletary

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/12/04/racial-microaggressions-black-americans/?arc404=true>

Wendell Berry article: <https://www.commonwealmagazine.org/race-anti-fragility>

7 Things White Christians Can Do: <https://religionnews.com/2021/10/15/7-things-white-christians-can-do-to-address-white-supremacy-at-church/>

Real estate discrimination in Maryland <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/18/realestate/housing-discrimination-maryland.html>

- **Videos we watched on Oct. 30**

“The Myth of Race Debunked,” 3 minutes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnfKgffCZ7U>

“Segregated by Design,” 17 minutes

<https://www.segregatedbydesign.com/>

Further Reading/viewing

- *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How we can Prosper Together* by Heather McGhee. The author shows how racism, especially when seen as a zero-sum game, has harmed the white community as well as the Black community.

The New Jim Crow by Michelle Alexander – As the Jim Crow laws of the post-reconstruction era were struck down by the civil rights movement, mass incarceration became the “new” way to keep Black people from gaining equality and power.

The Fire Next Time A letter to his nephew by James Baldwin, and *Between the World and Me* A letter to his son by Ta’Nahisi Coates These two letters depict how painful it is to be a Black man in America.

Black Reconstruction, W.E.B Du Bois (1935) A classic.

Reconstruction, Eric Foner Also a classic and now in abridged form.

Hidden Wound by Wendell Berry. A reflection on his growing up in the South and what he learned from Black neighbors.

I Am Not Your Negro (2016) VIDEO documentary about James Baldwin. Available on Amazon

UCC curriculum on race: https://www.uccresources.com/products/white-privilege-lets-talk-a-resource-for-transformational-dialogue-pdf-download?_pos=2&_sid=476bbb181&_ss=r

Chapter 1: The Cash Value of Whiteness or Whiteness as a Tax-Exempt Status – p 64

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[King's Letter from Birmingham Jail](#)