

Race Amity Task Force
Discussion on Conversation Around Race, Racism and Privilege
Resources from November 3, 2019 Meeting

Race Amity Task Force Discussion Objectives:

- To examine the history of race and its influence on current events
- To recognize the factors and barriers to having difficult conversations about race, racism and privilege.
- To understand why it is important to have conversations about race, racism and privilege
- To develop strategies and tools for having conversations about race, racism and privilege

Recommended videos:

History of race (this was the one we watched)

The myth of race, debunked in 3 minutes

[v=VnfKgffCZ7U&list=PL4fDEXlivHanE7TTpwxgcK5aOONKLDpdg&index=11](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VnfKgffCZ7U&list=PL4fDEXlivHanE7TTpwxgcK5aOONKLDpdg&index=11)

Two other options for understanding the history of race

History of Race <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=No5ai6LZLFg>

History of White Privilege

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/10iSVWf6h9jWzvEJK9o1TcBg_dUdty74pj9kUsaEqRM8/edit?ts=5a9f0fef#slide=id.g332203a7fd_0_0

Implicit bias <https://www.pbs.org/video/pov-implicit-sbias-peanut-butter-jelly-and-racism/>

Jay Smooth video "How I Learned to Stopped Worrying and Love Talking About Race" (this was the one we watched)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hFcQKHh72_w

Jay Smooth How to tell someone they sound racist (this was the one he referred to)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b0Ti-gkJiXc>

Book Recommendation:

Waking Up White by Debbie Irving

Suggestions for future meetings based on Exit Tickets:

Issues of power and privileges

Microaggressions

Practicing having difficult conversation

Talking with children about race and racism

Please join us at our next forum on Race and Racism on December 8th from 2-4

Quotes on Race and Racism

If we are blind to anything, it is not to color but to the effects of color in our society (Project hip hop 1997)

Racism is a sensitive word Americans often avoid mentioning it, even when it is relevant... It is a sensitive word because it exposes so much, institutionally and personally. It is a Rorschach word, a linguistic inkblot test. How you define it reveals something important about you, how you see the world and your place in it. (Marable Manning, professor University of Colorado)

Just as economics influences everything we do, just as our gender and gender politics influence everything we do, assume that racism is affecting whatever is going on. We assume this because it is true, and because one of the privileges of being white is not having to see or deal with racism all the time. (Paul Kivel)

I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word. (Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Racism is still with us. But it is up to us to prepare our children for what they have to meet, and, hopefully, we shall overcome. (Rosa Parks)

"Ignorance and prejudice are the handmaidens of propaganda. Our mission, therefore, is to confront ignorance with knowledge, bigotry with tolerance, and isolation with the outstretched hand of generosity. Racism can, will, and must be defeated." (Kofi Annan)

"I wish I could say that racism and prejudice were only distant memories. We must dissent from the indifference. We must dissent from the apathy. We must dissent from the fear, the hatred and the mistrust... We must dissent because America can do better, because America has no choice but to do better." (Thurgood Marshall)

"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background or his religion. People learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite." –Nelson Mandela

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." -Martin Luther King, Jr.

Racism is an ism to which everyone in the world today is exposed; for or against, we must take sides. And the history of the future will differ according to the decision which we make.

Ruth Benedict