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A STARTER READING LIST FOR WHITE FOLKS

"The problem is that white people see racism as conscious hate, when racism is bigger than that. Racism is a complex system of social and political levers and pulleys set up generations ago to continue working on the behalf of whites at other people's expense, whether whites know/like it or not. Racism is an insidious cultural disease. It is so insidious that it doesn't care if you are a white person who likes black people; it's still going to find a way to infect how you deal with people who don't look like you. Yes, racism looks like hate, but hate is just one manifestation. Privilege is another. Access is another. Ignorance is another. Apathy is another. And so on. So while I agree with people who say no one is born racist, it remains a powerful system that we're immediately born into. It's like being born into air: you take it in as soon as you breathe. It's not a cold that you can get over. There is no anti-racist certification class. It's a set of socioeconomic traps and cultural values that are fired up every time we interact with the world. It is a thing you have to keep scooping out of the boat of your life to keep from drowning in it. I know it's hard work, but it's the price you pay for owning everything." – Scott Woods

White Privilege

The Invisible Backpack of White Privilege – A South African Version (1.0)

By WhiteWork SA

<https://whiteworksa.wordpress.com/invisiblebackpack/>

Privilege (Comic)

By Robert Hugs

<http://www.robot-hugs.com/privilege-clean-2/>

Equality Doesn't Mean Justice (comic)

<http://9gag.com/gag/aVOQ3p8/equality-doesn-t-mean-justice>

Explaining White Privilege to a Broke White Person

By Gina Crosley-Corcoran

<http://occupywallstreet.net/story/explaining-white-privilege-broke-white-person>

The Systemic Nature of Racism

Why It's So Hard to Talk to White People About Racism

By Dr. Robin DiAngelo (The Good Men Project)

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/good-men-project/why-its-so-hard-to-talk-to-white-people-about-racism_b_7183710.html

Common Behavioral Patterns that Perpetuate Power Relations of Domination

<http://toolsforchange.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/patterns%20.pdf>

White Fragility, White Tears



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Why White People Freak Out When They're Called Out About Race: 'White fragility' is a defensive response to real conversations about race.

By Sam Adler-Bell

<http://www.alternet.org/culture/why-white-people-freak-out-when-theyre-called-out-about-race>

6 Signs Your Call-Out Isn't Actually About Accountability

By Maisha Z. Johnson

<http://everydayfeminism.com/2016/05/call-out-accountability/>

4 Ways White People Can Process Their Emotions Without Bringing the White Tears

By Jennifer Loubriel

<http://everydayfeminism.com/2016/02/white-people-emotions-tears/>

What Can White People Do

Silence is Another Language White People Must Learn

By Kim Heller

<http://www.thedailyvox.co.za/silence-another-language-white-people-must-learn/>

The Five Things I need from White People Right Now

By Derrick L Weston

<https://derricklweston.com/2016/09/20/the-five-things-i-need-from-white-people-right-now/>

Good White People

I Don't Know What to Do With Good White People

By Brit Bennett

<http://jezebel.com/i-dont-know-what-to-do-with-good-white-people-1671201391>

The Good White People

By Daniel Bush

<http://www.colby.edu/par/Winter%2000/the%20good%20white%20people.htm>

For the Well-Intentioned

By Lorraine Gore

<http://wtfwhiteprivilege.tumblr.com/wellintentioned>

Why I Don't Want to Talk About Race

<https://goodmenproject.com/ethics-values/why-i-dont-want-to-talk-about-race/>