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# Removing Racial Residue

## Recommended Reading

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### Articles

**Brown at 60: The Doll Test** (Legal Defense Fund article: In the 1940s, psychologists Kenneth and Mamie Clark designed and conducted a series of experiments known colloquially as *the doll tests*, to study the damaging psychological effects of segregation on African-American children.)

<http://www.naacpldf.org/brown-at-60-the-doll-test>

**The Mark of a Criminal Record** (2004 employment discrimination study, conducted in Milwaukee by Northwestern University. The study provides a comparison of the experiences of equally qualified black and white applicants, assessing the extent to which direct racial discrimination persists in hiring, and finding that even whites *with criminal records* received more favorable treatment by prospective employers than blacks *without criminal records*.)

[https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/pager/files/pager\\_ajs.pdf](https://scholar.harvard.edu/files/pager/files/pager_ajs.pdf)

**4 Terrible Reasons to Not Talk About Race** (2015 Relevant magazine article: "We can't afford to avoid the uncomfortable conversation any longer.")

<http://www.relevantmagazine.com/reject-apaty/worldview/4-terrible-reasons-not-talk-about-race>

### Historical Document

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail"**

Originally published in *The Atlantic* magazine, August 1963. Excerpts republished April 16, 2013.

<https://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2013/04/martin-luther-kings-letter-from-birmingham-jail/274668/>

Full text, HTML: [http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles\\_Gen/Letter\\_Birmingham.html](http://www.africa.upenn.edu/Articles_Gen/Letter_Birmingham.html)

PDF: [https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter\\_Birmingham\\_Jail.pdf](https://web.cn.edu/kwheeler/documents/Letter_Birmingham_Jail.pdf)

(Dr. King's famous *Letter from Birmingham Jail* is a response to a statement written by several Alabama clergymen who assert that Dr. King's methods are both "unwise and untimely." Dr. King responds with this polite but powerful letter, referencing biblical, classical and early American figures to counter the arguments of the clergymen.)

### Link

**The King Center**

<http://www.thekingcenter.org/>

Established in 1968 by Mrs. Coretta Scott King, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change ("The King Center") has been a global destination, resource center and community institution for over a quarter century.



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Morrison, Latasha. *Be the Bridge: Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation*. Zondervan, 2018. WaterBrook, 2019.

Kendi, Ibram X. *How to Be an Antiracist*. One World, 2019.

Pei, Adrian. *The Minority Experience: Navigating Emotional, and Organizational Realities*. Intervarsity Press, 2018.

Loritts, Bryan. *Insider Outsider: My Journey as a Stranger in White Evangelicalism and My Hope for Us All*. Zondervan, 2018.

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Perkins, John M. *Dream with Me: Race, Love, and the Struggle We Must Win*. Baker Books, 2017.

Dyson, Michael E. *Tears We Cannot Stop*. St. Martin's Press, 2017.

Rothstein, Richard. *The Color of Law: A forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America*. Liveright, 2017.

Hill, Daniel. *White & Awake: An honest look at what it means to be white*. IVP Books, 2017.

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Shearer, Tobin M. *Enter the River: Healing Steps from White Privilege Toward Racial Reconciliation*. Herald Press, 1994.

Breckenridge, James and Lillian. *What Color is Your God? Multicultural Education in the Church*. Bridgeport Books, 1995.

Cose, Ellis. *The Rage of a Privileged Class*. HarperCollins Publishers, 1993.

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Perkins, John et al. *"MLK 50: Gospel Reflections from the Mountaintop."* RightNow Media, uploaded by The Gospel Coalition, 2018, <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/295755>.

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## TO WATCH

- Ava DuVernay’s Netflix documentary *The 13th* is indispensable for anyone who wants to better understand racism in the American prison system, and even better is her *When They See Us*, which tells the harrowing story of the Central Park Five.
- Raoul Peck’s *I Am Not Your Negro* is a documentary about the life of poet, author and activist James Baldwin.
- *A Time for Burning* is a fascinating little time capsule, a 1967 documentary about one white pastor’s attempt to racially integrate his Omaha, Nebraska church and the incredible obstacles he faced along the way. The movie is free on [YouTube](#) and features the famous scene in which future longtime Nebraska State Senator Ernie Chambers delivers this painful message to Pastor William Youngdahl.
- Spike Lee’s entire filmography belongs on this list, but *Do the Right Thing* remains one of his most vital works: a 1989 acerbic comedy that has only grown more poignant with age.
- *Just Mercy*, the film adaptation of Bryan Stevenson’s book referenced above, stars Michael B. Jordan, Jamie Foxx and Brie Larson and is free from all video-on-demand platforms through June.

## TO LISTEN

- [The Truth’s Table](#) podcast features three black women — Michelle Higgins, Ekemini Uwan and Dr. Christina Edmonson — talking about theology, culture, race and justice. Listen to it [here](#).
- NPR’s [Code Switch](#) has become an important hub of conversations around race and culture in the U.S., starring a group of journalists “fascinated by the overlapping themes



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of race, ethnicity and culture, how they play out in our lives and communities, and how all of this is shifting.” Listen [here](#).