

Anti-black racism resource list for the UTSC community

- This list of resources was compiled by UTSC Library staff for the UTSC community in collaboration with the UTSC Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Office.
- The purpose of the list is to provide introductory learning materials for white and non-Black UTSC community members who wish to begin learning about anti-Black racism.
- All the materials in this list are available free online.
- University of Toronto Libraries has also released an [anti-Black racism reading list available here](#).



Table of Contents

Key concepts	3
What is anti-Black racism?	3
What is whiteness?	3
Introductory anti-racism toolkits	4
News articles	6
Scholarly and academic sources	9
Books	11
Short videos	12
Podcasts	14
Community-developed learning actions	16

Key concepts

What is anti-Black racism?

Definition:

“Anti-Black racism is prejudice, attitudes, beliefs, stereotyping or discrimination that is directed at people of African descent and is rooted in their unique history and experience of enslavement and colonization. Anti-Black racism is deeply embedded in Canadian institutions, policies and practices, to the point that it becomes a part of our systems.” [Source](#)

What is whiteness?

Definition:

“‘Whiteness,’ like ‘colour’ and ‘Blackness,’ are essentially social constructs applied to human beings rather than veritable truths that have universal validity. The power of Whiteness, however, is manifested by the ways in which racialized Whiteness becomes transformed into social, political, economic, and cultural behaviour. White culture, norms, and values in all these areas become normative natural. They become the standard against which all other cultures, groups, and individuals are measured and usually found to be inferior [Source](#)

Learn more:

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack.

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>

Understanding whiteness


<http://www.aclrc.com/whiteness>

Deconstructing White Privilege with Dr. Robin DiAngelo

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dwlx3KQer54>

Introductory anti-racism toolkits

A selection of resources created by organizations that enables readers to learn about anti-Black racism.

Title	Author/Organization	Description	Link	Image
Anti-Racism Toolkit	Canadian Federation of Students	This guide is to help students build resources and fight against racism on specifically their campuses. Your organizing teams will meet to organize, discuss and refute white-supremacy, racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, colourism both in their interpersonal, collective and systemic forms.	https://cfs-fcee.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/Anti-Racism-Toolkit-Final-1.pdf	
Being Anti-Racist	National Museum of African American Culture & History	No one is born racist or antiracist; these result from the choices we make. Being antiracist results from a conscious decision to make frequent, consistent, equitable choices daily. These choices require ongoing self-awareness and self-reflection as we move through life. In the absence of making antiracist choices, we (un)consciously uphold aspects of white supremacy, white-dominant culture, and unequal institutions and society. Being racist or antiracist is not about who you are; it is about what you do.	https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/being-antiracist	
Guide to Allyship	Amelie Lamont	An evolving open-source guide to help you become a more thoughtful and effective ally.	https://guidetoallyship.com/	

<p>Racism 101: Understanding race and racism</p>	<p>Showing Up for Racial Justice</p>	<p>We define racism, also referred to as white supremacy, as the pervasive, deep-rooted, and longstanding exploitation, control and violence directed at People of Color, Native Americans, and Immigrants of Color that produce the benefits and entitlements that accrue to white people, particularly to a white male dominated ruling class. Click on the topics below to learn more about how race, class, gender and more intersect and contribute to oppression</p>	<p>https://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/racism-101.html</p>	
<p>Dismantling Racism Workbook</p>	<p>Dismantling Racism Works</p>	<p>This web-based workbook was originally designed to support the Dismantling Racism Works 2-day basic workshop. The workbook is now offered as a resource to the community.</p>	<p>https://www.dismantlingracism.org/</p>	

News articles

A short selection of articles the places George Floyd's death in the context of anti-Black racism in America.

Title	Publication	Author	Link
Black Canadians are suffocating under a racist policing system, too	Washington Post	El Jones	https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/2020/06/04/black-canadians-are-suffocating-under-racist-policing-system-too/
Defunding The Police Will Save Black And Indigenous Lives In Canada	HuffPost	Sandy Hudson	https://www.huffingtonpost.ca/entry/defund-police-canada-black-indigenous-lives_ca_5ed65eb2c5b6ccd7c56bdf7d
Doug Ford's comments on racism ignore history of black trauma in Canada, writer says	CBC	Kathleen Newman-Bremang	https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/doug-ford-racism-kathleen-newman-bremang-canada-1.5596346
Justin Trudeau can confront systemic racism in	Toronto Star	Heather Scoffield	https://search-proquest-com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/canadiannews/docview/2408938561/18EAA1A08A924156PQ/18?accountid=14771

Canada without dragging Donald Trump into it			
My Black ancestors fled America for freedom. I left Canada to find a home. Now both countries must fight for a better world	Globe and Mail	Debra Thompson	https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-my-black-ancestors-fled-america-for-freedom-i-left-canada-to-find-a/
Of Course There Are Protests. The State Is Failing Black People.	New York Times	Keeanga - Yamahtta Taylor	https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/29/opinion/george-floyd-minneapolis.html?action=click&module=Opinion&pgtype=Homepage
Raptors victory: Feel-good multiculturalism masks reality of anti-Black racism in Canada	The Canadian Press	Corrie Scott	https://search-proquest-com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/canadiannews/docview/2243661012/4EC1110798284571PQ/8?accountid=14771

The Case for Reparations	The Atlantic	Ta-Nehisi Coates	https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2014/06/the-case-for-reparations/361631/
The Death of George Floyd, In Context	The New Yorker	Jelani Cobb	https://www.newyorker.com/news/daily-comment/the-death-of-george-floyd-in-context
Trudeau in blackface is a symptom of Canada's widespread anti-Black racism	The Toronto Star	Philip S. Howard	https://search-proquest-com.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/canadiannews/docview/2294629664/4EC1110798284571PQ/6?accountid=14771

Scholarly and academic sources

Title	Author/Organization	Description	Link
The Black Experience Project	The Black Experience Project (BEP)	Launched in 2010, the Black Experience Project (BEP) is a seminal research study focused on examining the lived experiences of individuals who self-identify as Black and/or of African heritage living in the Greater Toronto Area, or GTA (the Regions of Toronto, York, Durham, Peel and Halton)... this study aims to provide a better understanding of the lives of Black individuals within the GTA, including the factors leading to their successes and challenges.	https://www.theblackexperienceproject.ca/
“What’s Going On?”: A Critical Race Theory Perspective on Black Lives Matter and Activism in Education	Adrienne D. Dixon	This article explores activism, education, and the #BlackLivesMatter movement.	https://doi-org.myaccess.library.utoronto.ca/10.1177/0042085917747115
Unmasking, Exposing, and	Jeanette Haynes Writer	Critical Race Theory (CRT) and Tribal Critical Race Theory	DOI: 10.18251/ijme.v10i2.137

Confronting: Critical Race Theory, Tribal Critical Race Theory and Multicultural Education.		(TribalCrit) offer the possibility of unmasking, exposing, and confronting continued colonization within educational contexts and societal structures, thus transforming those contexts and structures for Indigenous Peoples. Utilizing CRT and TribalCrit to support and inform "multicultural education as social justice," we rid ourselves, our educational institutions, and ultimately the larger society from the "food, fun, festivals, and foolishness" form of multicultural education that maintains or propagates colonization.	
--	--	--	--

Books

[Please visit the University of Toronto Library Anti-Black Reading List for book recommendations.](#)

Short videos

Title	Description	Link	Length
A look at anti-black racism in Canada	CBC News Network's Carole MacNeil spoke to Robyn Maynard, author of Policing Black Lives: State violence in Canada from slavery to the the present, about anti-black racism in Canada.	https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1745657923936	9:59
Barrington Walker on George Floyd, the factors leading to his death and current unrest in U.S. and Canada	Barrington Walker is a history professor at Wilfrid Laurier University and also the school's senior adviser of equity, diversity and inclusion. He says there is socio-economic disparity between Black people, people of colour and white people and that has played a big role in both the death of George Floyd and the protests that have been sparked by his fatal encounter with police.	https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1745861187926/	8:07
Black Lives Matter Co-founder Alicia Garza Our goal is to make all lives matter	Alicia Garza is one of the co-founders of Black Lives Matter, which she founded after George Zimmerman was acquitted in the murder of Trayvon Martin. For Bloomberg Businessweek's Interview Issue, she talks about her response to people who say All Lives Matter, how their focus goes beyond policing, and how the movement has grown.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IB_D1FbYh7M	2:06
Color blind or color brave Mellody Hobson TED	The subject of race can be very touchy. As finance executive Mellody Hobson says, it's a "conversational third rail." But, she says, that's exactly why we need to start talking about it. In this engaging, persuasive talk, Hobson makes the case that speaking openly about race — and particularly about diversity in hiring — makes for better businesses and a better society.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oKtALHe3Y9Q	14:14
Layla Saad on Her Book 'Me and White Supremacy' NowThis	'Every person who holds white privilege is complicit in white supremacy' — Author Layla Saad created the #MeAndWhiteSupremacy challenge and workbook to change the system one person at a time.	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrkPb9wcrJs	5:17
Let's get to the root of racial injustice Megan Ming Francis TEDxRainier	In this inspiring and powerful talk, Megan Francis traces the root causes of our current racial climate to their core causes, debunking common misconceptions and calling out "fix-all" cures to a complex social problem	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-aCn72iXO9s	19:37

Public Safety is Anti-Black Desmond Cole TEDxUTSC	<p>Black people want freedom, and we cannot be free unless we are safe. White supremacy means that our safety as Black people is set against the safety of non-Black people. So Black people need to imagine and bring forward new ways of protecting ourselves. Definitions of safety that rely on fear, suspicion, and hatred of Black people can never be reformed to include us. We need new, Black-centred definitions of safety.</p>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SHsE1RRcbFM	17:36
The History of Whiteness by Kat Blaque	<p>In this video, Kat Blaque discuss the history of "white" and its relevance in this country, specifically for European Immigrants in the North.</p>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmHct5IHxrA	7:41
What is systemic racism?	<p>"What Is Systemic Racism?" is an 8-part video series that shows how racism shows up in our lives across institutions and society: Wealth Gap, Employment, Housing Discrimination, Government Surveillance, Incarceration, Drug Arrests, Immigration Arrests, Infant Mortality... yes, systemic racism is really a thing.</p>	https://www.raceforward.org/videos/systemic-racism	10:00
Why Whiteness must be named	<p>Author of <i>Me and White Supremacy</i>, Layla Saad, on why whiteness must be named.</p>	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uk3lfcEt_WE	57:47

Podcasts

Title	Description	Link
1619	An audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.	https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html
Code Switch	<p>Hosted by journalists of color, our podcast tackles the subject of race head-on. We explore how it impacts every part of society — from politics and pop culture to history, sports and everything in between. This podcast makes ALL OF US part of the conversation — because we're all part of the story.</p> <p>Some key episodes: A Decade of Watching Black People Die (22 mins) Anger: The Black Woman's "Superpower" (19 mins) The Limits of Empathy (36 mins) Ask Code Switch - What about your friends? (50 mins)</p>	https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/
Pod Save the People with DeRay	On Pod Save the People, organizer and activist DeRay Mckesson explores news, culture, social justice, and politics with fellow activists Brittany Packnett Cunningham and Sam Sinyangwe, and writer Dr. Clint Smith. They offer a unique take on the news, with a special focus on overlooked stories and topics that often impact people of color.	https://crooked.com/podcast-series/pod-save-the-people/
Sandy & Nora	Sandy and Nora's Podcast examines the most important news through a critical lens. Hosted by Sandy Hudson and Nora Loreto. You've found the folks who understand you. Keep listening.	http://sandyandnora.com/
Seeing White	Where did the notion of "whiteness" come from? What does it mean? What is whiteness for? Scene on Radio host and producer John Biewen took a deep dive into these questions, along with an array of leading scholars and	https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/

	regular guest Dr. Chenjerai Kumanyika, in this fourteen-part documentary series, released between February and August 2017.	
Small Doses with Amanda Seales	<p>Your favorite truth teller, comedian, Amanda Seales, is dropping gems with, “Small Doses,” a weekly podcast that brings you potent truths for everyday use.</p> <p>Some key episodes:</p> <p>Side Effects of White Women (53 mins)</p> <p>Side Effects of Communication (1 hr 1 min)</p> <p>Side Effects of Being Misunderstood (1 hr)</p> <p>Side Effects of Professionalism (53 min)</p> <p>Side Effects of Being a Black Intellectual (1 hr 31 min)</p>	https://starburns.audio/podcasts/small-doses-with-amanda-seales/

Community-developed learning actions

Title	Description	Link
Justice in June	Choose how much time you have each day to become more informed as step one to becoming an active ally to the black community. On this document are links to the learning resources and a schedule of what to do each day. Created by the BC Alliance for Arts + Culture.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1H-Vxs6jEUByXylMS2BjGH1kQ7mEuZnHpPSs1Bpaqmw0/preview?fbclid=IwAR1eUD2a--YQkBauipA119e9mBXDYzYnLXI9iK_BFbyyAe-atwTCyTqN2iw&pru=AAABcqKnLio*VB29f1XTuL8BC8I2iD5iQ
Scaffolded Anti-Racism Resources	This is a working document for scaffolding anti-racism resources. The goal is to facilitate growth for white folks to become allies, and eventually accomplices for anti-racist work. These resources have been ordered in an attempt to make them more accessible. We will continue to add resources.	https://docs.google.com/document/d/1PrAq4iBNb4nVlCtsLcNIW8zjaQXBLkWayL8EaPlh0bc/preview?fbclid=IwAR14GDhaT2wvX7lLieu-OpnuizWmhzZUBNi_j_mdjP8KY2mDyw3Aa1eEDvg&pru=AAABcprJuY%2ApugJDk47kiCRlsbBSU3YMw
