



Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism (FAIR)

November 2021

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Hello, and welcome to the Austin chapter's 1st monthly newsletter. In this edition, we're covering the pro-human approach to civil rights, courage, gratitude, and more. Have feedback? Let us know at austin@fairforall.org.

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November In-Person Meetup

Meet FAIR Austin Chapter members
November 14, 1:00-3:00 PM
The Draught House Pub and Brewery
4112 Medical Pkwy, Austin, TX 78756

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CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

FAIR Austin's November Virtual Chapter Meeting

Many thanks to all who joined us for the November 3 virtual FAIR Austin Chapter meeting, with a special welcome to the eight new attendees. For those not able to join us, here are a few highlights of what you missed.

- Several attorneys have volunteered to work as [Legal Liaisons](#) to answer questions and help educate FAIR Austin members and volunteers regarding how the current state of Texas law relates to [FAIR's Mission](#). (Please note: Legal Liaisons provide an educational service only; they do not provide legal advice or services on behalf of FAIR Austin, and nothing a Legal Liaison does shall, or is intended to, create a lawyer-client relationship between the Legal Liaison and FAIR Austin member.)
- The FAIR Austin Chapter continues to seek volunteers to fill several critical roles. We especially invite parents with school-age children to serve as Chapter ISD Parent Representatives. Check out our [volunteer job descriptions](#) for more information.
- FAIR National continues to further the pro-human movement by launching two new programs: The **FAIRstory Curriculum** empowers students to confront racism and bigotry using a fact-based, honest account of America's past and present. Learn more at [fairstory.org](#). **FAIR Diversity** is the pro-human approach to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion training in the workplace. Learn more at [fairdiversity.org](#).
- Mark S., a high school senior, recently started a FAIR Chapter at Westlake High School, only the second high school chapter in the country. This rapidly expanding group uses learning modules developed by FAIR to offer an alternative way of talking about current events, which empowers students to express themselves freely and explore different points of view in a supportive environment. If you're interested in starting a FAIR Chapter in your school, contact us at austin@fairforall.org, and we'll help you get started.
- FAIR Austin's Outreach Lead, Jade Morgan, wants to help each of us become more comfortable talking about racism and intolerance within the safety of our community so that we can be a voice for pro-human values among those with different perspectives. If you're interested in gaining confidence in talking about these sensitive topics, contact Jade at austin@fairforall.org.

We hope to see you at the in-person meetup on 1:00-3:00 PM on November 14th at The Draught House Pub and Brewery at 4112 Medical Pkwy, Austin, TX 78756.

COMING SOON!

We are so grateful to the FAIR Austin volunteers who have stepped up to create resources for parents. *In early December, we will be launching a Parent Resources Page on the FAIR Austin website.* Our first publication educates Texas parents about their rights to teaching materials and educational information in public schools as authorized under the Texas Education Code. As we develop more materials, we will add them to the website.

Seeking Parent Volunteers

Are you a parent with school-age children?
Consider volunteering as Chapter ISD Parent Representative!
Check out our [volunteer job descriptions](#) for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

December Virtual Chapter Meeting

December 1, 2021, 6:00 PM
Stay tuned for the meeting link

December In-Person Meetup

December 12, 2021
Time and location TBD

TOP STORIES



America: An Appreciation

by Aaron Tao in MerionWest

FAIR Austin Chapter member, Aaron Tao, shares his appreciation for our country. As he says, "No matter how frustrated or aggrieved you may be with your current life in America, know there are countless people in the world who would gladly trade places with you." Click below to learn more about Aaron's views on his adopted country.

[READ MORE](#)

FAIR: Bion Bartning & Daryl Davis Discuss a "Pro-Human" Approach to Civil Rights

Bion Bartning & Daryl Davis with Alan Campbell on *Watching America* September 17

Listen to FAIR's (Foundation Against Intolerance & Racism) executive director, Bion Bartning, and board member, Daryl Davis, an R&B/Blues musician, as they discuss the story behind FAIR and the "pro-human" approach to civil rights. Find more about FAIR at fairforall.org.

[LISTEN TO THE PODCAST](#)

We Got Here Because of Cowardice. We Get Out with Courage

by Bari Weiss in [Commentary Magazine](#) November 2021 issue

Many people want to convince you that you need a Ph.D. or a law degree or dozens of hours of free time to read dense texts about critical theory to understand the woke movement and its worldview. You do not. You simply need to believe your own eyes and ears.

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(free registration required)

“You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face.”

~Eleanor Roosevelt



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