



FOUNDATION
AGAINST
INTOLERANCE
& RACISM

Recommended Reading List & Sources

FAIR ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

Books

The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure:

Lukianoff, Greg, Haidt, Jonathan

Cynical Theories: How Activist Scholarship Made Everything about Race, Gender, and Identity and Why This Harms Everybody:

Pluckrose, Helen, Lindsay, James

The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion:

Haidt, Jonathan

Prey: Immigration, Islam, and the Erosion of Women's Rights:

Hirsi Ali, Ayaan

How to Have Impossible Conversations:

A Very Practical Guide: Boghossian, Peter, Lindsay, James

Free Speech: Why It Matters:

Doyle, Andrew

What Do White Americans Owe Black People: Racial Justice in the Age of Post-Oppression:

Hill, Jason D

Winning the Race:

Beyond the Crisis in Black America:

McWhorter, John

Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress:

Pinker, Steven

How The Other Half Learns: Equality, excellence, and the battle over school choice:

Pondiscio, Robert

Taboo: 10 Facts You Can't Talk About:

Reilly, Wilfred

Agency: Inspiring the Next Generation to Build Strong Families and Be Masters of Their Own Fate:

Rowe, Ian

The Believing Brain: From Ghosts and Gods to Politics and Conspiracies—How We Construct Beliefs and Reinforce Them as Truths:

Shermer, Michael

Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters:

Shrier, Abigail:

How to Fight Anti-Semitism:

Weiss, Bari

Self-Portrait in Black and White: Family, Fatherhood, and Rethinking Race:

Williams, Thomas Chatterton

Beyond All Reason: The Radical Assault on Truth in American Law:

Farber, Daniel A. and Sherry, Suzanna

ON TOTALITARIANISM

Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents:

Dreher, Rod

Origins of Totalitarianism:

Arendt, Hannah

1984:

Orwell, George

FOR SOME HUMOROUS PERSPECTIVE ON A SERIOUS SUBJECT

Woke: A Guide to Social Justice:
McGrath, Titania

My First Little Book of Intersectional Activism: McGrath, Titania

ONLINE RESOURCES & ORGANIZATIONS

[Heterodox Academy](#)

[FIRE \(thefire.org\)](#): Experienced. Nonpartisan. Defending Your Rights.

[Institute for Humane Studies \(theihs.org\)](#)

[Counterweight \(counterweightsupport.com\)](#)

[New Discourses](#)

[FREE BLACK THOUGHT](#)

[Critical Race Training in Education](#)

[ChristopherRufo.com](#)

[Critical Therapy Antidote Protecting the Integrity of Talking Therapies](#)

[The James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal](#)

[National Association of Scholars | NAS](#)

[American Council of Trustees and Alumni \(goacta.org\)](#)

[Scholars at Risk](#) | Protecting scholars and the freedom to think, question, and share ideas

[Braver Angels](#)

[BridgeUSA](#)

[Student Press Law Center](#)

[Unity Training Solutions](#) | Harnessing Individual Talent

ONLINE MAGAZINES

City Journal: A Publication of The Manhattan Institute
[\(www.city-journal.org\)](#)

Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life
[\(www.Tabletmag.com\)](#)

Quillette: Platform for Free Thought
[\(www.quillette.com\)](#)

COMPENDIUM OF FREE BLACK THOUGHT

For suggested Resources from *FreeBlackThought.com*, [Click here](#)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.: JUST A FEW RECOMMENDATIONS

Martin Luther King Jr. Speeches, Sermons, Texts: 5 to Know | [Time](#)

Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? (King Legacy): King Jr., Martin Luther Dr., Harding, Vincent, King, Coretta Scott

Strength to Love: Martin Luther King Jr

A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches: King, Martin Luther, Washington, James M.

Why We Can't Wait (Signet Classics): King Jr., Martin Luther Dr., Jackson, Jesse

CRITIQUES OF WHITE FRAGILITY

Watch Chloe Valdary speak [here](#) on the Black Intellectual Roundtable hosted by Bret Weinstein. This podcast features some of the most brilliant and educated minds discussing issues involving race in this country. None of them say teaching “white fragility” is the answer.

Here is a fantastic open exchange between Brown professor Glenn Loury and John McWhorter of Columbia about White Fragility, revisionist history, and race: (<https://youtu.be/GfsH3AaoqYM>)

In [this BBC interview](#), Thomas Chatterton Williams, author and New American fellow, discusses BLM and the issues of focusing on racial identity groups instead of individualism. [In this article](#) he recommends 10 mind-opening books on race as alternatives to White Fragility.

Matt Taibbi's eye-opening critique of White Fragility, which directly addresses its paradoxical approach and very real implications: (<https://taibbi.substack.com/p/on-white-fragility>)

MUST-READ ESSAYS AND ARTICLES

John McWhorter, 2017: [Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion](#)

Andrew Sullivan, 2018: [America's New Religions](#)

Matt Yglesias, 2019: [The Great Awakening](#)

Zach Goldberg, 2019: [America's White Saviors](#), and Goldberg's [original Twitter thread](#) on the NYT

Alex Tabarok, 2019: [The NYTimes is Woke](#) [summarizing Goldberg's analysis of NYT word use]

Eric Kaufman, 2019: [Americans Are Divided by Their Views on Race, Not Race Itself](#) [graphs]

George Packer, 2019: [When the Culture War Comes for the Kids](#) [a long and important essay by a journalist with impeccable progressive credentials, documenting how white progressives in the Brooklyn public school system got much more ideological around 2014, in ways that harmed students]

Jon Haidt, 2019: [The Dark Psychology of Social Networks](#). Atlantic. [Gives the backstory to the awakening—how social media changed from 2009 to 2013, creating an “outrage machine” that caused many things to go haywire beginning around 2014]

Barack Obama, warning democrats and young activists about wokeness: “That’s Not Activism” [Video and article in NYT](#)

Eric Kaufmann, 2020: [The Great Awakening and the Second American Revolution](#).

Joshua Mitchell, [THE SPIRITUAL QUEST OF IDENTITY POLITICS](#). podcast. and see his book: [American Awakening: Identity Politics and Other Afflictions of Our Time](#).

Titus Techera, [What Lies Beneath the Wokeness](#).

Randall Kennedy, [Radical Critiques of Legal Academia](#)

James Chen, [UnLoving](#)

The Orwell Foundation | [The Freedom of the Press](#)

Bari Weiss on cancel culture, Leaving The New York Times and self-censorship—[Deseret News \(2021\)](#)

The University as the Woke Mission Field: A Dissident Women's Studies Ph.D. Speaks Out—[New Discourses \(2021\)](#)

Shakespeare Wasn't Woke—[Persuasion \(2021\)](#)

California Is Cleansing Jews From History—[Tablet Magazine \(2021\)](#)

Schools Must Resist Destructive Anti-racist Demands—[The Atlantic \(2021\)](#)

General Counter Wokecraft ([woke-dissident.github.io](#)) (2021)

The Rise, Fall, and Renaissance of Classical Liberalism | [Libertarianism.org](#)

America's cultural revolution is just like Mao's—[UnHerd \(2021\)](#)

HOW SOCIAL JUSTICE WENT FROM BEING A MOVEMENT TO A RELIGION: IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

Stanley Kurtz: [The Church of the Left](#)

John McWhorter: [Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion](#)

Jon Haidt, lecture at Duke: [Why Universities Must Choose One Telos: Truth or Social Justice](#)

Andrew Sullivan: [Is Intersectionality a Religion?](#)

William Deresiewicz: [On Political Correctness](#)

Frank Bruni: [The Dangerous Safety of College](#)

Jesse Singal: [This Is What a Modern-Day Witch Hunt Looks Like](#)

Kerri Smith: [On Leaving the SJW Cult and Finding Myself](#)

John McWhorter: [THE GREAT AWOKENING](#). Atonement as Activism. “You’re taught that on race issues you are morally obliged to suspend your usual standards of logic. Faced with a choice between some benign mendacity and being mauled, few human beings choose the latter.”

Bo Winegard: [The Preachers of the Great Awakening](#)

James Lindsay: [Postmodern Religion and the Faith of Social Justice](#)

BJ Campbell: [Social Justice is a Crowdsourced Religion](#); he mostly summarizes....

Grievance Studies Team: Boghossian, Lindsay, Pluckrose: See [this video: Is Intersectionality a Religion?](#)

Heretical = Problematic;
Blasphemy = Not Politically Correct;
Original Sin = Privilege; Church = Safe Space; Born Again = Woke

Andrew Sullivan: [America's New Religions](#)

John McWhorter, 2018, Atlantic:
[The Virtue Signalers
Won't Change the World](#)

Toby Young: [The Great Awakening](#)
“What’s distinctive about members of the social justice left is not that they don’t believe in magic — they clearly do — but that the supernatural forces that govern their universe are all malevolent. There is a religion bereft of a divine being.”

Samuel James: [We’re All Fundamentalists Now](#)

Megan McArdle: [Meet Your New Woke Inquisitors, Same as the Old Ones](#)

Paul Hollander: *“There is at last the phenomenon of identity politics. . . . Identity politics assumes that some basic attribute such as race, sex, ethnicity, or sexual preference is the single determinant and source of one’s true identity and all political interests. . . . ‘In effect, identity politics has come to serve as a substitute for religion.’”*

(p. liv, citing Christopher Lasch)
Prescient is his 1998 introduction to the 4th edition of [Political Pilgrims: Travels of Western Intellectuals to the Soviet Union, China, and Cuba 1928–1979](#).

John Judis, 2005: [The Chosen Nation: The Influence of Religion on U.S. Foreign Policy](#)

Antonia Senior, 2020: [Identity Politics is Christianity Without Redemption](#)

Molly McGrath, 2020: [Sacrificial Politics and Sacred Victims](#)

Eric Kaufmann, 2020: [Liberal Fundamentalism: A Sociology of Wokeness](#)

Titus Techera: [What Lies Beneath the Wokeness](#). In *Law and Liberty*

Joshua Mitchell: [THE SPIRITUAL QUEST OF IDENTITY POLITICS](#). podcast. See his book: [American Awakening: Identity Politics and Other Afflictions of Our Time](#).

Michael Lind: [The Revenge of the Yankees: How Social Gospel became Social Justice](#)

John McWhorter: [The Neoracists –Persuasion \(2021\)](#)

WHY THE CURRENT TRENDS IN DIVERSITY TRAINING MISS THE MARK

[The Problem\(s\) With Diversity-Related Training - Musa al-Gharbi](#)

A PUSHBACK AGAINST IDENTITY POLITICS FROM ACADEMICS AND INTELLECTUALS WHO ARE NON-WHITE

Anthony Appiah, Book: [The Lies that Bind: Rethinking Identity Politics](#). See his essay in the NYT: [Speaking As A](#),

Amy Chua, Book: [Political Tribes](#); See her essay in The Guardian, [How America’s Identity Politics Went From Inclusion to Division](#).

Frances Fukuyama, Book: [Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics or Resentment](#); See his essay against identity politics, in *Foreign Affairs*, and here, in AI, [on Huntington](#)

Jason Hill, Book: [We have overcome](#). See [Interview at Spiked](#)

Jonathan Rauch: [Review of Chua](#)

Coleman Hughes: Many [columns at Quillette](#), including [this](#) on interseccionality

[Glenn Loury](#)

Irshad Manji: [Don't Label Me.](#)

John McWhorter: Builds on Rorty, in The Atlantic: [Are Campus Activists Too Dogmatic?](#) See also [Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion.](#)

Eboo Patel: [Essays on identity](#)

John Wood: [The Spectrum of Black Contrarianism](#)

Zachary Wood, Book: [Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America](#)

Ayan Hirsi Ali

Kahlil Bird

PERSPECTIVES ON RACE IN AMERICA

Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in American Life: Fields, Karen E., Fields, Barbara J

The Omni-Americans: Some Alternatives to the Folklore of White Supremacy

Black Boy [Seventy-fifth Anniversary Edition]: Wright, Richard, Wright, Malcolm, Wideman, John Edgar

Felon: Poems: Betts, Reginald Dwayne

Shadow and Act: Ellison, Ralph

Writing to Save a Life: The Louis Till File: Wideman, John Edgar

Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family: Jackson, Mitchell

The Souls of Yellow Folk: Essays: Yang, Wesley

FILMS

Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America | Prime Video ([amazon.com](#))

What Killed Michael Brown?, Written by Shelby Steele, Directed by Eli Steele (<https://whatkilledmichaelbrown.com/>)

[How Jack Became Black](#), by Eli Steele