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General Book Recommendations:

[*Heretic: Why Islam Needs a Reformation Now \(2015\)*](#): Hirsi Ali, Ayaan

[*Prey: Immigration, Islam, and the Erosion of Women's Rights \(2021\)*](#): Hirsi Ali, Ayaan

[*Klan-destine Relationships: A Black Man's Odyssey in the Ku Klux Klan \(1998\)*](#): Davis, Daryl

[*Tomboy: The Surprising History and Future of Girls Who Dare to Be Different \(2020\)*](#): Selin Davis, Lisa

[*The Machine: A Field Guide to the Resurgent Right \(2013\)*](#): Fang, Lee

[*Civilization: The West and the Rest \(2011\)*](#): Ferguson, Niall

[*Making Men Moral: Civil Liberties and Public Morality \(1995\)*](#): George, Robert

[*The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion \(2012\)*](#): Haidt, Jonathan

[*The Coddling of the American Mind: How Good Intentions and Bad Ideas Are Setting Up a Generation for Failure \(2018\)*](#): Haidt, Jonathan; Lukianoff, Greg

[*The Problem of Democracy: America, the Middle East, and the Rise and Fall of an Idea \(2022\)*](#): Hamid, Shadi

[*Bus America: Revelation of a Redneck \(1997\)*](#): Hanna, Quay

[*The Illusion of Division \(2022\)*](#): Harris, Monica

[*Among the Truthers: A Journey Through America's Growing Conspiracist Underground \(2011\)*](#): Kay, Jonathan

[*Manifest: Transitional Wisdom on Male Privilege \(2016\)*](#): Keig, Zander (Editor)

[*Adult Transgender Care: An Interdisciplinary Approach for Training Mental Health Professionals \(2018\)*](#): Keig, Zander (Contributor)

[*The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues, and the Coming Dark Age \(2017\)*](#): Kirchick, James

[*The Shadow University: The Betrayal Of Liberty On America's Campuses \(1999\)*](#): Kors, Alan Charles



[*One by One From the Inside Out: Essays and Reviews on Race and Responsibility in America \(1995\)*](#): Loury, Glenn

[*The Anatomy of Racial Inequality \(2002\)*](#): Loury, Glenn C.

[*Forgive for Good: A Proven Prescription for Health and Happiness \(2003\)*](#): Luskin, Dr. Frederic

[*Free Speech: A History from Socrates to Social Media \(2022\)*](#): Mchangama, Jacob

[*Winning the Race: Beyond the Crisis in Black America \(2005\)*](#): McWhorter, John

[*Woke Racism: How a New Religion Has Betrayed Black America \(2021\)*](#): McWhorter, John

[*The Madness of Crowds: Gender, Race and Identity \(2019\)*](#): Murray, Douglas

[*The War on the West: How to Prevail in the Age of Unreason \(2022\)*](#): Murray, Douglas

[*Bully-Proof Kids: Practical tools to help your child grow up confident, resilient and strong \(2018\)*](#): O'Malley, Stella

[*Fragile: Why we feel more anxious, stressed and overwhelmed than ever, \(and what we can do about it\) \(2019\)*](#): O'Malley, Stella

[*A Year of Kindness \(2011\)*](#): Paresky, Dr. Pamela

[*Enlightenment Now: The Case for Reason, Science, Humanism, and Progress \(2018\)*](#): Pinker, Steven

[*Rationality: What It Is, Why It Seems Scarce, Why It Matters \(2021\)*](#): Pinker, Steven

[*How The Other Half Learns: Equality, Excellence, and the Battle Over School Choice \(2019\)*](#): Pondiscio, Robert

[*Living in the Constellation of the Canon: The Lived Experiences of African-American Students Reading Great Books Literature \(2018\)*](#): Prather, Anika

[*Taboo: 10 Facts You Can't Talk About \(2020\)*](#): Reilly, Wilfred

[*Agency: The Four Point Plan \(F.R.E.E.\) for ALL Children to Overcome the Victimhood Narrative and Discover Their Pathway to Power \(2022\)*](#): Rowe, Ian V.

[*The Foundations of Natural Morality: On the Compatibility of Natural Rights and the Natural Law \(2014\)*](#): Seagrave, Adam

[*Apocalypse Never: Why Environmental Alarmism Hurts Us All \(2020\)*](#): Shellenberger, Michael

[*The Believing Brain: From Ghosts and Gods to Politics and Conspiracies – How We Construct Beliefs and Reinforce Them as Truths \(2011\)*](#): Shermer, Michael

[*The Moral Arc: How Science Leads Humanity Toward Truth, Justice, and Freedom \(2015\)*](#): Shermer, Michael

[*Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters \(2020\)*](#): Shrier, Abigail

[*A Critique of Anti-racism in Rhetoric and Composition: The Semblance of Empowerment \(2019\)*](#): Smith, Erec

[*The Lure of Disempowerment: Reclaiming Agency in the Age of CRT \(2022\)*](#): Smith, Erec (Contributor)

[*The Conservative Soul: How We Lost It, How to Get It Back \(2006\)*](#): Sullivan, Andrew

[*How to Fight Anti-Semitism \(2019\)*](#): Weiss, Bari

[*Self-Portrait in Black and White: Unlearning Race \(2019\)*](#): Williams, Thomas Chatterton

[*An Inconvenient Minority: The Attack on Asian American Excellence and the Fight for Meritocracy \(2021\)*](#): Xu, Kenny

[*Cynical Theories: How Activist Scholarship Made Everything about Race, Gender, and Identity – and Why This Harms Everybody \(2020\)*](#): Pluckrose, Helen; Lindsay, James

[*How to Have Impossible Conversations: A Very Practical Guide \(2019\)*](#): Boghossian, Peter; Lindsay, James

[*Free Speech And Why It Matters \(2022\)*](#): Doyle, Andrew

[*What Do White Americans Owe Black People: Racial Justice in the Age of Post-Oppression \(2021\)*](#): Hill, Jason D.

[*Beyond All Reason: The Radical Assault on Truth in American Law \(1997\)*](#): Farber, Daniel A.; Sherry, Suzanna

On Totalitarianism: In Chronological Order

[*1984 \(1949\)*](#): Orwell, George



[*Origins of Totalitarianism \(1951\)*](#): Arendt, Hannah

[*Live Not by Lies: A Manual for Christian Dissidents \(2020\)*](#): Dreher, Rod

For Some Humorous Perspective on a Serious Subject: In Chronological Order

[*Woke: A Guide to Social Justice \(2019\)*](#): McGrath, Titania

[*My First Little Book of Intersectional Activism \(2020\)*](#): McGrath, Titania

Online Resources and Organizations

[Heterodox Academy](#)

[FIRE \(Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression\)](#)

[Institute for Humane Studies](#)

[Counterweight](#)

[New Discourses](#)

[Free Black Thought](#)

[Critical Race Training in Education](#)

[www.christopherrufo.com](#)

[Critical Therapy Antidote](#)

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

[National Association of Scholars](#)

[American Council of Trustees and Alumni](#)

[Scholars at Risk](#)

[Braver Angels](#)

[BridgeUSA](#)

[Student Press Law Center](#)

[Unity Training Solutions](#)

Online Magazines



[City Journal: A Publication of The Manhattan Institute](#)
[Tablet Magazine: A New Read on Jewish Life](#)
[Quillette: Platform for Free Thought](#)

Compendium of Free Black Thought

For suggested Resources from freeblackthought.com, [click here](#).

Martin Luther King, Jr.: Just a Few Recommendations: In Chronological Order

[Why We Can't Wait \(1964\)](#): King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther; Jackson, Jesse

[Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community? \(1967\)](#): King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther; Harding, Vincent; King, Coretta Scott

[Strength to Love \(1968\)](#): King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther

[A Testament of Hope: The Essential Writings and Speeches \(1986\)](#): King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther; Washington, James M.

["Martin Luther King Jr. Speeches, Sermons, Texts: 5 to Know" \(2018\) \(Time\)](#): King Jr., Dr. Martin Luther

Critiques of the Concept 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*.

There is also 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, Articles, and Other Materials: In Chronological Order

- 1) George Orwell, 1972: [“The Freedom of the Press”](#) (The Orwell Foundation)
- 2) Randall Kennedy, 1990: [“Racial Critiques of Legal Academia”](#) (*Harvard Law Review*)
- 3) Ralph Raico, 1992: [“The Rise, Fall, and Renaissance of Classical Liberalism”](#) (Libertarianism.org)
- 4) James Chen, 1994: [“Unloving”](#) (*Iowa Law Review*)
- 5) John McWhorter, 2017: [“Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion”](#) (*Daily Beast*)
- 6) Andrew Sullivan, 2018: [“America’s New Religions”](#) (*New York Magazine*)
- 7) Matt Yglesias, 2019: [“The Great Awokening”](#) (*Vox*)
- 8) Zach Goldberg, 2019: [“America's White Saviors”](#) (*Tablet*); Goldberg’s [original Twitter thread from The New York Times](#)
- 9) Alex Tabarok, 2019: [“The NYTimes is Woke”](#) (*Marginal Revolution*) [summarizing Goldberg’s analysis of *The New York Times* word use]
- 10) Eric Kaufman, 2019: [“Americans Are Divided by Their Views on Race, Not Race Itself”](#) (*The New York Times*)
- 11) George Packer, 2019: [“When the Culture War Comes for the Kids”](#) (*The Atlantic*) [a long and important essay by a journalist with impeccable progressive credentials, documenting how white progressives in the Brooklyn public school system became much more ideological around 2014, in ways that harmed students]
- 12) Jon Haidt, 2019: [“The dark psychology of social networks”](#) (*The Atlantic*) [gives the backstory of the awokening — how social media changed from 2009 to 2013, creating an “outrage machine” that caused many cultural elements to go haywire beginning around 2014]
- 13) Barack Obama, warning democrats and young activists about wokeness, 2019: [“That’s Not Activism” video and article](#) (*The New York Times*)
- 14) Eric Kaufmann, 2020: [“The Great Awokening and the Second American Revolution”](#) (*Quillette*)
- 15) Joshua Mitchell, [The Spiritual Quest of Identity Politics](#) podcast; and see his book, 2020: [American Awakening: Identity Politics and Other Afflictions of Our Time](#)
- 16) Titus Techera, 2020: [“What Lies Beneath the Wokeness”](#) (*Law & Liberty*)

- 17) Bari Weiss, on cancel culture, leaving *The New York Times*, and self-censorship, 2021: [“The self-silencing majority”](#) (*Deseret News*)
- 18) Samantha Jones, 2021: [“The University as the Woke Mission Field: A Dissident Women's Studies Ph.D. Speaks Out”](#) (*New Discourses*)
- 19) Meghan Cox Gurdon, 2021: [“Shakespeare Wasn't Woke”](#) (*Persuasion*)
- 20) Emily Benedek, 2021: [“California Is Cleansing Jews From History”](#) (*Tablet Magazine*)
- 21) John McWhorter, 2021: [“Schools Must Resist Destructive Anti-racist Demands”](#) (*The Atlantic*)
- 22) Xiao Li, 2021: [“America's cultural revolution is just like Mao's”](#) (*UnHerd*)

How Social Justice Went From Being a Movement to a Religion: In Chronological Order

- 1) Paul Hollander, 1981: [Political Pilgrims: Western Intellectuals in Search of the Good Society](#) [“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 introduction to the 4th edition of this book.]
- 2) John Judis, 2005: [“The Chosen Nation: The Influence of Religion on U.S. Foreign Policy”](#) (Carnegie Endowment for International Peace)
- 3) Jon Haidt, lecture at Duke, 2016: [“Why Universities Must Choose One Telos: Truth or Social Justice”](#) (Heterodox Academy)
- 4) John McWhorter, 2017: [“Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion”](#) (*Daily Beast*)
- 5) Andrew Sullivan, 2017: [“Is Intersectionality a Religion?”](#) (*New York Magazine*)
- 6) William Deresiewicz, 2017: [“On Political Correctness”](#) (*The American Scholar*)
- 7) Frank Bruni, 2017: [“The Dangerous Safety of College”](#) (*The New York Times*)
- 8) Jesse Singal, 2017: [“This Is What a Modern-Day Witch Hunt Looks Like”](#) (*New York Magazine*)
- 9) Kerri Smith, 2017: [“On Leaving the SJW Cult and Finding Myself”](#) (Medium)
- 10) John McWhorter, 2018: [“THE GREAT AWOKENING - Atonement as Activism”](#) (*The American Interest*) [“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.”]
- 11) Bo Winegard and Ben Wineguard, 2018: [“The Preachers of the Great Awakening”](#) (*Quillette*)
- 12) James Lindsay and Mike Nayna, 2018: [“Postmodern Religion and the Faith of Social Justice”](#) (*Areo Magazine*)
- 13) BJ Campbell, 2018: [“Social Justice is a Crowdsourced Religion”](#) (Medium) [he mostly summarizes]

- 14) Grievance Studies team: Peter Boghossian, James Lindsay, and Helen Pluckrose. See this video, 2018: [Is Intersectionality a Religion?](#) [“problematic” = heretical; “not politically correct” = blasphemy; “privilege” = original sin; “safe space” = church; “woke” = born again]
- 15) Andrew Sullivan, 2018: [“America’s New Religions”](#) (*New York Magazine*)
- 16) John McWhorter, 2018: [“The Virtue Signalers Won’t Change the World”](#) (*Atlantic*)
- 17) Toby Young, 2019: [The great awakening](#) (*The Spectator*) [“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. Theirs is a religion bereft of a divine being.”]
- 18) Samuel James, 2019: [We’re All Fundamentalists Now](#) (*The National Review*)
- 19) Megan McArdle, 2019: [Meet your new woke inquisitors, same as the old ones](#) (*The Washington Post*)
- 20) Antonia Senior, 2020: [“Identity politics is Christianity without redemption”](#) (*UnHerd*)
- 21) Molly McGrath, 2020: [“Sacrificial Politics and Sacred Victims”](#) (*Law & Liberty*)
- 22) Titus Techera, 2020: [“What Lies Beneath the Wokeness”](#) (*Law & Liberty*)
- 23) Eric Kaufmann, 2020: [“Liberal Fundamentalism: A Sociology of Wokeness”](#) (*American Affairs*)
- 24) Joshua Mitchell, [The Spiritual Quest of Identity Politics](#) podcast; and see his book, 2020: [American Awakening: Identity Politics and Other Afflictions of Our Time](#)
- 25) Michael Lind, 2020: [“The Revenge of the Yankees: How Social Gospel became Social Justice”](#) (*Tablet*)
- 26) John McWhorter, 2021: [“The Neoracists”](#) (*Persuasion*)

Why the Current Trends in Diversity Training Miss the Mark

[“Diversity is Important. Diversity-Related Training is Terrible” \(2020\)](#): Musa al-Gharbi

A Pushback Against Identity Politics From Academics and Intellectuals Who Are Non-White: In Alphabetical Order

—Kwame Anthony **Appiah**, 2018 book: [The Lies that Bind: Rethinking Identity](#); also see his 2018 article: [“Go Ahead, Speak for Yourself”](#) (*New York Times*)

—Amy **Chua**, 2018 book: [Political Tribes: Group Instinct and the Fate of Nations](#); also see her 2018 article: [“How America’s identity politics went from inclusion to division”](#) (*The Guardian*)

—Frances **Fukuyama**, 2018 book: [Identity: The Demand for Dignity and the Politics of Resentment](#); also see his 2018 article: [“Against Identity Politics: The New Tribalism and the Crisis of Democracy”](#) (*Foreign Affairs*); also see his 2018 article: [“Huntington’s Legacy”](#) (*The American Interest*)

- Jason **Hill**, 2018 book: [*We Have Overcome: An Immigrant’s Letter to the American People*](#); also see his [related interview](#) (*Spiked*)
- Coleman **Hughes**, many [columns at Quillette](#), including this one [on intersectionality](#) (*Quillette*)
- Irshad **Manji**, 2019 book: [*Don’t Label Me: An Incredible Conversation for Divided Times*](#)
- John **McWhorter**, builds on Rorty in his 2017 article: [“Are Campus Activists Too Dogmatic?”](#) (*The Atlantic*); also see his 2017 article: [“Antiracism, Our Flawed New Religion”](#) (*The Daily Beast*)
- Eboo **Patel**, [essays on identity](#) (Inside Higher Ed)
- Jonathan **Rauch**, 2018 article: [“Have our tribes become more important than our country?”](#) (*The Washington Post*) [review of Chua]
- John **Wood**, 2018 article: [“The Spectrum of Black Contrarianism”](#) (*Quillette*)
- Zachary **Wood**, 2018 book: [*Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America*](#)

Perspectives on Race in America: In Chronological Order

[*Black Boy \(1945\)*](#): Wright, Richard

[*Shadow and Act \(1964\)*](#): Ellison, Ralph

[*The Omni-Americans: Some Alternatives to the Folklore of White Supremacy \(1970\)*](#): Murray, Albert

[*Racecraft: The Soul of Inequality in American Life \(2014\)*](#): Fields, Karen Elise; Fields, Barbara J.

[*Writing to Save a Life: The Louis Till File \(2016\)*](#): Wideman, John Edgar

[*The Souls of Yellow Folk: Essays \(2018\)*](#): Yang, Wesley

[*Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family \(2019\)*](#): Jackson, Mitchell S.

[*Felon: Poems \(2019\)*](#): Betts, Reginald Dwayne

Films: In Chronological Order

[*Accidental Courtesy: Daryl Davis, Race & America \(2017\)*](#), starring Daryl Davis, directed by Matt Ornstein

[*How Jack Became Black \(2018\)*](#), by Eli Steele

[*What Killed Michael Brown? \(2020\)*](#), written by Shelby Steele, directed by Eli Steele