

White man, hear me! History, as nearly no one seems to know, is not merely something to be read. And it does not refer merely, or even principally, to the past. On the contrary, the great force of history comes from the fact that we carry it within us, are unconsciously controlled by it in many ways, and history is literally present in all that we do. It could scarcely be otherwise, since it is to history that we owe our frames of reference, our identities, and our aspirations. And it is with great pain and terror that one begins to realize this. In great pain and terror one begins to assess the history which has placed one where one is, and formed one's point of view. In great pain and terror because, thereafter, one enters into battle with that historical creation, Oneself, and attempts to re-create oneself according to a principle more humane and more liberating: one begins the attempt to achieve a level of personal maturity and freedom which robs history of its tyrannical power, and also changes history.

James Baldwin, "The White Man's Guilt," in *Ebony*, August 1965

Resources for White People

Video

- [On White Privilege](#): The Creation of Whiteness, Tim Wise
- [The Future of Solidarity](#): How White People Can Support the Movement for Black Lives, Catalyst Project

Reading

- [White Privilege](#): Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack, Peggy McIntosh
- [Toward the "Other America"](#) : anti-racist resources for white people taking action for black lives matter, Chris Crass
- [Evolution](#), Sherman Alexie
- [Intro to Racism for White People](#) (and anyone else who is interested!)
- [Becoming a White Ally](#) to Black People in the Aftermath of the Michael Brown Murder, Janee Woods
- [Conceptualizing Epistemic Oppression](#), Kristie Dotson
- Movement for Black Lives [Platform](#)

Organizations

- [Beyond Separation](#): Building Community, Changing the Story
- [Catalyst Project](#): Anti-Racism For Collective Liberation
- [SURJ](#): Standing Up for Racial Justice
- [White Awake](#): Waking Ourselves for the Benefit of All