

Social Justice Action

“There can be no happiness if the things we believe in are different from the things we do.” -- Whitney Young (1921-1971)

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Your editor is a reader of Harper’s Magazine. Here are a few of their reports; ironic, heartwarming, foolish.

- Senator Rand Paul, who earlier this month was the only senator to vote against a \$8.3 billion coronavirus aid package, tested positive for the coronavirus.
- An uninsured Bostonian received a \$35,927.43 bill for coronavirus testing and treatment. ← **Social Justice**
- Hospital workers in Washington State jury-rigged protective equipment using vinyl sheeting, foam, and tape purchased at Home Depot, and doctors at the University of Nebraska Medical Center debuted an experimental process whereby face masks might be sterilized and reused.
- A blockage of a sewer line in Redding, California, was suspected to have been caused by residents using shredded T-shirts as toilet paper.
- In France, police officers issued fines to the homeless for not complying with an order to stay inside. ← **Social Justice**
- In Darien, Connecticut—one of the wealthiest towns in the country—the opening of a drive-through testing clinic was canceled after residents complained about the site’s proximity to their homes. ← **Social Justice**
- Pennsylvania designated beer distributors as a “life-sustaining service,” and New York deemed liquor stores to be “essential businesses.”
- ESPN modified its coverage to include marble racing and cherry-pit spitting competitions.

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On a more serious note:

Your editor has started reading “Justice On Earth”, edited by Mishra-Marzetti & Nordstrom. This is a UU Common Read from 2018. Talks about the interconnectedness of all Social Justice work.

April 24 Book Discussion, via Zoom

The title is “White Fragility” by Robin DiAngelo.

In a nutshell, DiAngelo coined the term "white fragility"; it is a reaction in which [white people](#) feel attacked or offended when the topic of racism arises. The book discusses many different aspects and manifestations of white fragility.

The path to a further understanding begins by our being aware that we are all racist. We’re raised in a society that has racism all around us – we can do no other. The path continues as we explore what that racism means and how we come to terms with our own understanding.

There are several references that will give you a shorter and more time-constrained version of the concepts underlying “White Fragility.”

Robin DiAngelo discussing her book.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=45ey4jgoxeU>

Book reviews

<https://www.newyorker.com/books/page-turner/a-sociologist-examines-the-white-fragility-that-prevents-white-americans-from-confronting-racism>

<https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2018/08/white-liberal-racism-why-progressives-are-unable-to-see-their-own-bigotry.html>