

Think about a time you successfully started new habit: a new exercise routine, less screen time, read more. You probably learned that creating long-lasting change takes time—and consistent practice. Creating effective social justice habits also take the same amount of dedication and time to integrate into your life.

The Challenge

The 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge, developed by Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr., is broken up into seven categories: *Read, Listen, Watch, Notice, Connect, Engage and Act*. For 21 days, do an action from one of the seven categories to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity and then reflect on it.

First, we ask you go to the website https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge/#reflect and read through the challenge and descriptions of the seven categories.

From there, you can choose your own adventure: go to the website each day to choose and complete one of the activities for that day's category or use the calendar that we curated for you utilizing the resources listed on the website.

Whichever route you choose, stick to it for 21 days!

CREDITS

Developed by Dr. Eddie Moore, Jr. https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge/#read

DAY 1: Read

White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack and other essays.

DAY 2: Listen

All My Relations

DAY 3: Watch

I Didn't Tell You

DAY 4: Notice

Test Your Awareness:
Do The Test

DAY 5: Connect

Join your Showing Up For Racial Justice (SURJ) organization if there's one in your area.

DAY 6: Engage

Step Up Step Back. If you are generally quiet, step up and practice speaking more. If you are generally a talker, practice stepping back and listening more.

DAY 7: Act

Invite other Sisters, friend(s), family, and/or colleagues to do the 21-Day Challenge with you.

DAY 8: Read

21 Racial Microaggressions You Hear on a Daily Basis.

DAY 9: Listen

Code Switch

DAY 10: Watch

The Urgency of Intersectionality

DAY 11: Notice

What is the racial mix of the main characters in your favorite TV shows? Movies?

DAY 12: Connect

Google 'Racial Justice" or "Anti-Racist" + the name of your city/town, organization, or sector. Based on your search, like or follow one or more organizations you found on social media who are addressing issues of power and privilege in your area.

DAY 13: Engage

Notice when you are uncomfortable. Reflect on why you're and think about what you can do to build more emotional stamina in this area.

DAY 14: Act

Prepare yourself to interrupt racial jokes. Click HERE for some advice about how.

DAY 15: Read

Guide to Allyship

DAY 16: Listen

Here & Now - Without Slavery, Would The U.S. Be The Leading Economic Power?

DAY 17: Watch

13th Netflix documentary by Ava DuVernay

DAY 18: Notice

Who is filling what kinds of jobs/ social roles in your world? (e.g. Who's the store manager and who's stocking the shelves? Who's waiting on tables and who's busing the food?) Can you correlate any of this to racial identity?

DAY 19: Connect

Check out this organization:
Race Forward

DAY 20: Engage

Validate others by listening closely and believing the truth and importance of what they are sharing.

DAY 21: Act

When the status quo is racist, disrupt it. No matter how big or small put yourself out there to create change. No need to wait until you are comfortable disrupting; it may never get comfortable, though you will get better at managing discomfort!

Examples include:

Improving the representation of books in the library by raising funds and purchasing hundreds of new books.

Disrupting inappropriate language by offering alternative language you yourself are learning.

Speaking, emailing, and posting about articles, blogs, movies, and this 21-Day Challenge that you find impactful. Let people know you are not neutral!

Get Together

Pick an accountability buddy. More than just keeping you on track, select someone (a Sister perhaps?) that you can discuss your progress and what you're feeling throughout.

Social Media Post

Habits take time to form. From drinking more water, to limiting screen time--and creating effective social justice habits are no different. Challenge yourself to be a more just person in this 21-day challenge!