

## Session 2 – Identity

### Stories of Transformation

**Michael Kent** – Former neo-Nazi who had swastika tattoos (and others) removed - his story and his unlikely friendship (with a black woman probation officer) Colorado Springs.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-41816588>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=njXZUH5hv0w> 3:04

**Angela King**, former white supremacist, huffpost video 4:12

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bv7KlgMfirE>

**Christian Piccolini** - former leader of wh supr, now part of Life after Hate. **Correction to text in video: 75 is the total # of former wh supr they support; they've helped many more leave that ideology.** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=03fHvuzgfnM> 3:17 2016.

His TED talk in Denver Nov. 2017 offers an expanded version of his story of leaving violent hate movement. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSH5EY-W5oM> **My descent into America's neo-Nazi movement & how I got out**

A quote: ... it's our disconnection from each other. Hatred is born of ignorance. Fear is its father and isolation is its mother. When we don't understand something, we tend to be afraid of it. And if we keep ourselves from it, that fear grows and sometimes it turns into hatred.

**Derek Black on podcast**

<https://crooked.com/podcast/when-denouncing-racism-isnt-enough/> 50:03

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Hosted By: Ana Marie Cox

“When Denouncing Racism Isn’t Enough: Converts”

Quotes:

**White nationalism** - a social movement that advocates for white supremacy

**White supremacy** – the way our country is designed. It is the reason why white people have so much more money and have so much more wealth, it is the reason why white neighborhoods have better schools, it is the reason why we fight racial equity policies and they get killed in congress; it is because white people have power. ... Racist beliefs are the continuation of these multi-century systems that disadvantage people of color.

### Examples/Discussion of Privilege

**10 Examples that prove White Privilege Exists in Every Aspect Imaginable**, by Jon Greenberg, July 24, 2020, edited in Yes! Magazine

<https://www.yesmagazine.org/social-justice/2017/07/24/10-examples-that-prove-white-privilege-exists-in-every-aspect-imaginable/>

**Understanding White Privilege: 20 Everyday Examples**, Ella Alexander, June 3, 2020

<https://www.harpersbazaar.com/uk/culture/a32752175/white-privilege-everyday-examples/>

Based on the work of Peggy McIntosh, long-time equality researcher and educator, founder of The Seed Project. <https://www.nationalseedproject.org/>

SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) partners with schools, organizations, and communities to develop leaders who guide their peers in conversational communities to drive personal, organizational, and societal change toward social justice.

**The Seed Project/Peggy McIntosh's full list of 46 notes of privilege:**

<https://www.nationalseedproject.org/Key-SEED-Texts/white-privilege-unpacking-the-invisible-knapsack>

<https://www.racialequitytools.org/resourcefiles/mcintosh.pdf>

**Six Things White People Say that Highlight Their Privilege**, by Kelsey Borresen June 10, 2020

[https://www.huffpost.com/entry/things-white-people-say-highlight-privilege\\_1\\_5edeafafc5b637b87e22cee0](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/things-white-people-say-highlight-privilege_1_5edeafafc5b637b87e22cee0)

## Carry on the Good Work

These videos are messages excerpted from the funeral on July 30, 2020, of **John Lewis**, career civil rights worker and Representative from Georgia from 1987 to 2020.

**Rev. James Lawson** speaking at John Lewis' funeral quoted MLK Jr as having said:

Christian love has power that we have never tapped, and if we use it, we can transform not only our own lives, we will transform the earth in which we live. [specific source not known]

Satyagraha (soul force, love truth – credited to Mahatma Gandhi and Maganlal Gandhi, a

relative) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YOxpSPT5Pnl>

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**Former Pres. Barack Obama** – eulogy (40:41 – there are shorter excerpts available if you search). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8P3X9AiN8E4>

## Books

***So You Want to Talk about Race*** (2019), by Ijeoma Oluo

Considered a compelling and optimistic book about our ability to free ourselves from “the nation’s oldest pyramid scheme: white supremacy.” – David Zirin

***Rising out of Hatred: The Awakening of a Former White Nationalist*** (2018), by Eli Saslow, on the life of Derek Black