

Anti-Racism Resources for South Asians and AAPI Community*

Below is a list of stand-alone resources and other compilations of many resources to start guiding your work on Anti-racism, Racial Justice and Abolition – especially for the South Asian diaspora and in the region itself. There is a lot to review here and options from short articles, to long articles, to graphics, to books, to movies, TV and podcasts. It can seem overwhelming, but now you have options for how to start these conversations for yourself or your friends and family or both!

You will also notice that many of the resources below also may also focus on ending casteism, colorism, Hindutva and Islamophobia in our communities and in India. These are tightly connected to being Anti-Racist and ending anti-blackness.

**There are broad AAPI sources at the end of this document because I found so many that I had to collect them!*

Anti-Racism Resources

Non-black people of color (that's us!) have a lot of work to do even though we are not WHITE. It's our responsibility to know and be better – fight against this and EDUCATE and call out/call in our friends and family who perpetuate this behavior

This [document](#) has broad resources for white and non-Black people of color individuals, organizations, workplaces and parents. The [resources](#) are books, articles, podcasts – all different options so you can find the time to learn from these. Combined with the specific South Asian resources below you should be able to find everything you need to start the work!

If something says it is for white people, it is still VERY relevant for us as South Asians and AAPI folks, so don't dismiss them!

Model Minority Myth

We cannot confront anti-blackness in our communities without understanding how the Model Minority myth has worked to SEPARATE us from Black, Indigenous and other people of color in our communities – to make us think we are BETTER than, and therefore separate and break our solidarity.

[How to Explain the Model Minority myth and Deconstruct It](#)

[What is the Model Minority Myth?](#)

['Model Minority' Myth Again Used As A Racial Wedge Between Asians And Blacks](#)

[Anti-Asian Racism Exposes the Model Minority Myth](#)

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[Coronavirus fears show how 'model minority' Asian Americans become the 'yellow peril'](#)

[2020: The Final Decade of the "Model Minority" Myth](#)

[The Black-White Binary and the Model Minority Stereotype](#)

[asian-americans & black lives matter movement | model minority myth, colorism, anti-blackness](#)

[The Toll Of Historically Pitting Asians Against Blacks: How the model minority myth has, in part, led Asians into “honorary whiteness.”](#)

[The Model Minority Myth Explained](#)

[Stop Using the Model Minority Myth to Say You Don't Benefit from White Supremacy](#)

[Dear Asians: What's wrong with “good stereotypes?”](#)

[Asian Americans Are Still Caught in the Trap of the “Model Minority Myth” -Viet Thanh Nguyen](#)

South Asian Focused Articles/Videos/Podcasts

[South Asian for Black Lives: A Call For Action, Accountability and Introspection](#)

[Arundhati Roy: Indian Racism towards Black People is almost worse than white people's racism](#)

[South Asians in the US must support #BlackLivesMatter but first undo your own anti-blackness](#)

[SOUTH ASIAN AMERICANS HAVE TO GO BEYOND PERFORMATIVE ACTIVISM AND EMBRACE SOLIDARITY, EMPATHY, AND REPARATIONS.](#)

[Outrage over an elephant and celebrities embracing Black Lives Matter expose India's deep hypocrisy](#)

[Indian Support for George Floyd, While We Remain Silent on Violence at Home, Is Hypocritical, Performative Wokeness](#)

[Love and Anti-Blackness: An Indian American mother reflects on raising Black children in America](#)

[South Asians committed to ending state violence against Black people must also work to undo anti-Blackness within](#)

[Anti-Blackness Goes Back to Ancient Times](#)

[The Black-Dalit Solidarity Movement](#)

[The Secret History of South Asian & African American Solidarity](#)

[Black-Desi Secret History \(Beyond Gandhi and King\)](#)

[Seeing White: Citizen Thind \(Podcast Episode\)](#)

[Hasan Minhaj: We Cannot Stay Silent About George Floyd](#)

[Gandhi's racism: It's time for the Mahatma to become a properly historical figure with all his flaws](#)

[Why Indians Pissed off With Racism and Police Brutality in the US Don't Care About the Same Issues in Their Own Country](#)

[It Starts at Home: Confronting Anti-Blackness in South Asian Communities](#)

[Man Shelters Over 70 Protesters Fleeing Arrest in His Washington Home \(Rahul Dubey\)](#)

[The Revolution Starts with My Thathi \(Dad\): Strategies for South Asians to Bring #BlackLivesMatter Home](#)

[How do We Move Forward?](#)

[Series on Anti-Blackness in South Asian Communities by Dhruva Balram](#)

[Dear brown people: I'm about to wash some dirty linen in public. Consider this an overdue act of tough love](#)

[Why I protest](#)

["Black Lives Matter," Say These Companies that Sell Skin Lightening Products](#)

[BLACK AND ASIAN-AMERICAN FEMINIST SOLIDARITIES: A READING LIST](#)

[How Asian Americans Can Better Support Black Lives Matter](#)

[It's Time for Asian Americans to unite in solidarity with Black Americans](#)

[Coalition of Asian American Leaders: Open Letter to Community: A call for unity and solidarity in the face of violence](#)

[Asian Americans Need to Talk about Anti-Blackness in Our Communities](#)

[Why Anti-Blackness in the Asian Community Needs to Be Addressed Now](#)

[Anti-blackness in Asian and Asian-American Communities](#)

[Asian Americans Supporting the Black Community — An Explainer and Resources](#)

[The History of Asian-Black Solidarity in America](#)

[Questions on \(the limits & effects of\) \(Asian American\) allyship](#)

[Anti-Racism Resources for Asian Americans](#)

South Asian Resources on Social Media

If you are on Social Media (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram), please follow and learn from these organizations – they are amazing and credible sources for information who also continuously call us to break away from the upper caste, Hindutva, white adjacent narratives that many of us have grown up with and feed into our anti-blackness.

Search #Asians4Black Lives #SouthAsians4BlackLives and other related hashtags on social media to be exposed to other sources, but as always, be careful before reposting and look at their content first!

[EqualityLabs](#) <https://twitter.com/EqualityLabs>
[Equality Labs Resources for South Asians For Black Lives](#)

[South Asians 4 Black Lives](#)

[South Asian Americans Leading Together \(SAALT\)](#)

[South Asian Sexual & Mental Health Alliance \(SASMHA\)](#) [SASMHA Instagram](#)

[Desis Rising Up and Moving \(DRUMnyc\)](#)

[The Polis Project](#)

Instagram Content

You'll notice a lot of Instagram links below – these are excellent links that were posted in the past few weeks with good graphics and simple explainers. My suggestion is that you go to these links, then follow these orgs on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook – anywhere they exist because it's exciting how well so many of our advocacy organizations are focusing on this. If you aren't on Instagram, you can still view the links and find the organizations elsewhere.

[WiseUp TX: Guide for South Asian Allyship](#)

[Supporting Black Lives as a Non Black Asian Pacific American](#)

[A Conversation Starter Pack for Asians New to Talking about Racism with Asian Friends and Family](#)

[AsianAmericansforBLM: Talking to Asian Parents about Institutionalized Anti-Blackness](#)
[18MillionRising: Call on Me Not the Cops](#)

[EqualityLabsXSouthAsians4BlackLives: How are Casteism and Anti-Blackness Related?](#)

[Paper. Samosa: It's Time for South Asians to Rewrite Their Narrative on Black Lives Matter](#)

[SASMHA: Black Lives Matter Resources](#)

[It's Time We Have A Conversation about Anti Blackness in the APIDA Community](#)

[AAPIforCEEF: Movement for Black Lives Resources](#)

[The Indian Feminist: Anti-Racism for Asian Americans](#)

[India Was Ruled by the British for 200 Years](#)

[Wondering How to Engage Your Desi Uncles and Aunties?](#)

[Desi American Young Man Gives History Lesson on Race in America to Elders!](#)

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[How to Call Out Anti-blackness in the Asian Community](#)

[Desi-Americans: Know Your History](#)

[Asian Americans: No More Silence](#)

[Bollywood in the US: Bollywood in India](#)

[The Limits of Desi Wokeness](#)

[A Resource for South Asians to Talk about Black Lives Matter](#)

[Blindian Project: Black Cricketer finds out His Indian Teammates were Using a Derogatory Word for Him](#)

[Anti-Blackness in the South Asian Community](#)

[Siddi: India & Pakistan's Black Community](#)

[Punjabis for Black Lives](#)

[Tibetans for Black Lives](#)

[Tibetans for Black Lives 2](#)

[How to Address Anti-Blackness in a Punjabi Home](#)

[Asians 4 Black Lives: uplift Black Resistance, Help Build Power](#)

[Mimi Zhu: Non Black People and Racism](#)

[7 Ways Non Black People of Color Perpetuate Anti-Blackness](#)

[Asian Allyship: Myths and Facts](#)

[Asian Americans Supporting the Black Community — An Explainer and Resources](#)

[Re-Model Minority](#)

[Asians4BlackLives](#)

[Facts that Non Black People Should know about Anti-Blackness & Police Brutality](#)

[Dismantling White Supremacy Begins With Facing Our Own History of Anti-Blackness](#)

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[Asian Communities Must Deter the American Empire and Protect Black Lives
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[The Asian American Reply to Pandemi-Era Racism Must be Cross-Racial Solidarity](#)

[The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans](#)

[A Growing Asian American Movement Calls for Prison Abolition](#)

[anti-Blackness in non-Black POC is a colonial trauma](#)

[Protests, Violence and Addressing Fear](#)

[A Guide to Addressing Black Lives Matter with Your Family](#)

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[What About Racism Against Asian People?](#)

Black Lives Matter Explained in South Asian Languages

[Letters for Black Lives](#) (2020 versions) - Bengali, Burmese, Chinese-simplified, Chinese-traditional, Gujarati, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Khmer, Korean, Lao, Nepali, Persian, Punjabi, S'Gaw Karen, Tagalog, Thai, Urdu, Vietnamese - more being translated everyday!

[Letters for Black Lives](#) (2016 versions) - Arabic, Chinese-Cantonese, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Malaysian

[South Asian Translations for Addressing Anti-Blackness and Systemic Racism](#): Tamil, Sinhala, Urdu, Punjabi, Hindi, Gujarati, Nepali, Farsi

[Tamil Letter to Family](#)

[Useful Translations for Those Who Speak Urdu on Anti Racism terminology](#) (Urdu)

[Letters for Black Lives \(Tibetan\)](#)

[Black Lives Matter \(Multiple languages\)](#)

Actions to Take

[Black Lives Matter:](#)

[Ongoing Actions](#) (Created by and Updated by Carlisa Johnson)

[Tools and Guides to Defend Black Lives](#)

[Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit](#)

Asian American Diaspora Resources

As I collected materials for South Asians, I came across so much amazing work being done for all our other AAPI Communities so while these are not complete I've included basic links here for you to share with our other Asian friends around the world! You'll notice a lot of Instagram links below – these are excellent links that were posted in the past few weeks by organizations. My suggestion is that you go to these links, then follow these orgs on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook – anywhere they exist because it's exciting how well so many of our advocacy organizations are focusing on this.

[AAPI Resources on Anti-Blackness](#)

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[The Southeast Asian Anti-Racism Toolkit: #SEA4BlackLives](#)

[A Message to the Southeast Asian Community regarding the Black Lives Matter Movement](#)

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[How to Call Out Anti-blackness in the Asian Community](#)

[Asian Americans: No More Silence](#)

[Discussing BLack Lives Matter in Comparison with Hong Kong Protests](#)

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[Chinese For Black Lives](#)

[The Model Minority Myth Explained](#)

[To My Korean Family](#)

[Yuri Kochiyama on Asian solidarity with Black Lives](#)

[Stop Using the Model Minority Myth to Say You Don't Benefit from White Supremacy](#)

[The Asian American Reply to Pandemi-Era Racism Must be Corss-Racial Solidarity](#)

[The Taiwanese American Conversation about #BlackLivesMatter](#)

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[Protests, Violence and Addressing Fear](#)

[Blackface is not CosPlay \(Taiwan\)](#)

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AAPI Language Instagram Examples to share and follow

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[NAPAWF: Black Lives Matters Translated](#)

[Blacklivesmatters.carrd.co](#): Go to the Translations section for petitions, actions, donations, resources for protesters, and more in Arabic, Chinese (Simple and Traditional), Japanese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese.

Chinese

[Talking to Asian Parents about Institutionalized Anti Blackness \(Traditional Chinese\)](#)

[Phrases to Help you Talk About Race \(Simplified Chinese/ Pinyin\)](#)

[SendChinatownLove: Talking to Chinatown Businesses about Protests/BLM](#)

[Systemic Racism Explainer \(Chinese\)](#)

[Black Lives Matter in Chinese Household](#)

[Black Lives Matter \(Chinese\)](#)

[BLM \(Chinese\)](#)

[Taiwanese-American Conversation About #Black Lives Matter \(Chinese\)](#)

[SendChinatownLove: Let's Start This Conversation #BlackLives Matter](#)

[What's Really Happening in the Streets \(Chinese\)](#)

[The Four Dimensions of Racism \(Traditional Chinese\)](#)

[Panel on Policing and anti-Blackness \(Mandarin\)](#)

[BLM Resources \(Mandarin\)](#)

[Taiwanese American: Blackface is not CosPlay](#)

[Chinese for Black Lives Direction/Circles \(Chinese\)](#)

Japanese

[The Conscious Kid Levels of White Supremacy \(Japanese\)](#)

[BLM \(Japanese\)](#)

[AsianAmericansforBLM: Talking to Asian Parents about Institutionalized Anti-Blackness](#)

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Tagalog

[Letters for Black Lives \(Tagalog\)](#)

[Letters for Black Lives \(Tagalog 2\)](#)

[BLM Terminology \(Tagalog\)](#)

Korean

[Letters for Black Lives \(Korean\)](#)

[8toAbolition \(Korean\)](#)

[Dear My Fellow Korean Americans: Why Does Black Lives Matter to Us?](#)

[How to Start Talking to Your Korean Family about Black Lives Matter \(Korean\)](#)

[The Conscious Kid Levels of White Supremacy \(Korean\)](#)

Vietnamese

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