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Political Education Resources on Policing & Alternatives

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VIDEO: [“Defund Police,”](#) collaboration by Project Nia and Blue Beat Studios

AUDIO: [“A Personal Story of Racial Profiling”](#) by Anyi Powell. Youth Radio on NPR July 14, 2006

VIDEO: [“How to Deal with the Police: Parents Explain to Their Kids”](#)

VIDEO: [Testimonies from Survivors of SWAT Raids](#) (video) from the Stop Urban Shield Coalition

VIDEO: [St. Louis police trample elderly woman at street protest](#)

VIDEO: [“Teens Make a Video on Racial Profiling by Police”](#)

VIDEO: [“Traffic Stop”](#) - Award-winning short video by Storycorps about Alex Landau, brutally beaten nearly to death by police in 2009 in Denver, CO (listen to more of his [story here](#))

VIDEO: [“How ‘Broken Windows’ Policing Harms People of Color”](#) by Molly Crabapple

VIDEO: “13th,” documentary by Ava DuVernay

- [Streaming on Netflix](#)
- Also read this important critique by Dan Berger, [“Mass Incarceration and Its Mystification: A Review of The 13th”](#)
- [SURJ Discussion Guide](#)
- [SURJ-Faith Discussion Guide](#)

VIDEO: “When They See Us” by Ava DuVernay

- [Streaming on Netflix](#)
- [Color of Change Discussion Guide](#)
- [SURJ Screening and Discussion Guide](#)

SURJ-Faith Webinar with Crossroads, [“Deconstructing Police and Policing: Understanding How Law & Order Serves White People and White Society”](#)

SURJ-Faith Webinar with Andrea Ritchie, [“A History of Policing”](#)

[A History of Policing](#) (6 parts) by Gary Potter

[“Origins of the Police”](#) by David Whitehouse

[“Perspectives on Community Safety from Black America,”](#) report from the Movement for Black Lives

Check out this excellent Webinar Series: [“Community Safety Beyond Police,”](#) from American Friends Service Committee

[“Police Violence is Baked In: Academy Training Encourages Racial Profiling and Emphasizes the Use of Violence,”](#) by Samantha J. Simon

[“One Random White Person Away: On the Lynching of Jordan Neely,”](#) by Ewuare X. Osayande

[“I Was A Racist Cop: How I Came to Recognize My Own Racism, Bias, and Privilege as a White Male”](#)

[“Bad Apples from a Rotten Tree”](#)

[Black Youth Project 100 on the FBI’s targeting of “Black Identity Extremists”](#)

[“‘Crime + Punishment’ Exposes Racial Quotas in the NYPD & Retaliation Against Officers Who Speak Out”](#) from Democracy Now

[Prison Culture Blog](#) (Resource re: the Prison Industrial Complex)

[Resources on Abolishing Policing](#) from Critical Resistance

[“1850 Slave Patrol vs. 2015 Law Enforcement”](#) (graphic demonstrating connections between slave patrol practices and modern law enforcement practices)

[Great twitter thread](#) on Black rebellions in South Carolina prior to the Civil War

[“New Report Shows Gentrifiers Use Police to Terrorize Communities of Color,”](#) at The Root

[“How a Right Wing Network Mobilized Sheriff’s Departments,”](#) research report by Political Research Associates

[“How Can Rethinking Policing Reverse the Mass Incarceration Epidemic?”](#) from Colorlines

[“Why a History of the Police’s Relationship to the Working Class Is Being Re-Released Now”](#)

[“Are All White Americans Police Officers?”](#) by Andre Henry

Andrea J. Ritchie, [Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color](#). And check out this [Study Guide](#) with so many tools!

Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw and Andrea J. Ritchie, [*Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women*](#) (PDF version of the report is [here](#).)

Kristian Williams, [*Our Enemies in Blue: Police and Power in America*](#) (very long PDF version [here](#).)

- See also “[The Demand for Order and the Birth of Modern Policing](#),” an article length summary of some of the content from this book

Radley Balko, [*The Rise of the Warrior Cop: The Militarization of America’s Police Forces*](#)

Sidney L. Harring, [*Policing a Class Society: The Experience of American Cities, 1865 - 1915*](#)

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz, [*An Indigenous Peoples’ History of the United States*](#)

Harriet A. Jacobs, [*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl, Written By Herself*](#)

Luana Ross, [*Inventing the Savage: The Social Construction of Native American Criminality*](#)

Talitha L. LaFluria, [*Chained in Silence: Black Women and Convict Labor in the New South*](#)

“[Police Brutality Bonds: How Wall Street Profits from Police Violence](#),” report from ACRE

“[Lawyers: Breonna Taylor Shooting Linked to Louisville Gentrification](#)” by Shani Saxon for Colorines

[Interrupting Criminalization: Research In Action](#) Website. “The project aims to interrupt and end the growing criminalization and incarceration of women and LGBTQ people of color.”

- [“What About the Rapists? An Abolitionist FAQ”](#)
- [“Safer and More Justice Communities Without Policing”](#)
- [See more here](#).

“[We Should Still Defund the Police](#),” by Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor

Dan Berger, “[Lessons In Law and Order Politics](#)”

“[The Role of Police in Gentrification](#),” by Brenden Breck for The Appeal

[Covid-19 and Policing](#): tracking how emergency “shelter in place,” “stay at home,” “social distancing,” and quarantine orders in response to the COVID19 pandemic are being enforced through aggressive policing, steep fines, criminal charges, and harsh penalties.

[“How the Fossil Fuel Industry Drives Climate Change and Police Brutality.”](#) from Grist

[“How the State Deploys ‘Know-Your-Place’ Violence Against Black Families in Their Homes,”](#) by Dr. LaKisha Simmons

[“The Cop Who Quit Instead of Helping to Gentrify Atlanta”](#) from Mother Jones

[“The History Of Police In Creating Social Order In The U.S.”](#) on NPR

[“How Cities Lost Control of Police Discipline,”](#) piece on police unions by the NYTimes

[“How Do You Deradicalize a Cop?”](#) by Melissa Gira Grant for the New Republic (researching overlap of white supremacist organizing and police forces; written after white nationalist attack on the Capitol)

[“Saying Never Again to the Violence in Atlanta Means Saying No to More Policing,”](#) by Melissa Gira Grant

[Twitter thread using wage theft](#) as an example of how crime is socially constructed.

[“The Punishment Bureaucracy: How to Think about ‘Criminal Justice Reform,’”](#) by Alec Karakatsanis

[“The Fantasy of Community Control of Police”](#) by Woods Ervin, Ricardo Levins Morales, Zola Richardson, and Jonathan Stegall

[“UNMASKED: Impacts of Pandemic Policing,”](#) report and resources by Andrea Ritchie, Derecka Purnell, and others

[The Police Union Playbook](#), research and resources from Color of Change

[“Ending Qualified Immunity Once and For All Is the Next Step in Holding Police Accountable,”](#) from the ACLU

[“Police Lie. All the Time. Can Anything Stop Them?”](#) by Mark Joseph Stern

[“The Paid Jailer: How Sheriff Campaign Dollars Shape Mass Incarceration”](#) report by Common Cause

[“Justice for George Floyd,”](#) solidarity statement by Pueblo Action Alliance

[“Cops Don’t Stop Violence,”](#) report by Interrupting Criminalization

[“Corporations are Funding Police Repression,”](#) Kelly Hayes, Alex Vitale and Mara Verheyden-Hilliard

[“What 100 Years of History Tells Us About Racism in Policing,”](#) 4 videos from the ACLU

[“Latinx Perspectives on Policing and Safety,”](#) report from Mijente

[“This Is The Atlanta Way: A Primer on Cop City,”](#) by Micah Herskind

[“The Myth of Black Morality, the Black Family, and Mass Incarceration,”](#) by Alessandra Harris

[Syllabi & Reading Lists - Major Resource Lists on Policing, Prison Abolition, White Supremacy, etc.](#)

The [Original “Ferguson Syllabus,”](#) curated by Marcia Chatelain

Prison Culture’s [“Ferguson Syllabus”](#)

[The Standing Rock Syllabus](#) (see particularly the section “Policing Nations: Settler Colonialism, Police, and State Violence”)

[#CharlestonSyllabus](#)

[AAIHS Prison Abolition Syllabus](#)

[AAIHS Prison Abolition Syllabus 2.0](#)

[SURJ-PDX Introduction to Abolition Reading List](#)

[A History of Policing Reading List](#)

Nashville BLM/SURJ/Antifa: [Fraternal Order of the Police Syllabus](#) (developed to help people understand what the Fraternal Order of the Police really is/does)

Chain Reaction [Curriculum on Ending Prisons and Police](#)

[“Black Queer Feminist Curriculum Toolkit”](#) from BYP100

[“Prison Abolition Resource Guide”](#) compiled by Micah Herskind

[“Covid19 Decarcerate Syllabus”](#) curated by California Coalition for Women Prisoners

[“Police and Prison Abolition 101: A Syllabus and FAQ”](#) from Autostraddle

[“Juneteenth: A Celebration Syllabus”](#) from Autostraddle

[Abolition for the People](#), 30 stories on abolition from organizers, political prisoners, scholars, and advocates

[An Indigenous Abolitionist Study Guide](#)

[War on Terror Syllabus](#), from Muslim Abolitionist Futures

[Black Disability Justice Syllabus](#), from Sins Invalid

[Abolition and The Call for a World Without Policing](#)

[“I Believe in the Laws of Nature”](#) by Anna Mae Aquash

[Practicing New Worlds: Abolition and Emergent Strategies](#), by Andrea J. Ritchie

- [Read an excerpt](#) from the Introduction.
- [Read a conversation](#) with Andrea J. Ritchie and adrienne maree brown about the book..

[No More Police. A Case for Abolition](#), Mariame Kaba and Andrea J. Ritchie

- [Read an interview with Kaba and Ritchie about this book](#)

[Abolition. Feminism. Now.](#), by Angela Y. Davis, Gina Dent, Erica R. Meiners, and Beth E. Richie

- [Read an excellent review here.](#)

[We Grow the World Together: Parenting Toward Abolition](#), eds. Maya Schenwar and Kim Wilson

[“The State of Abolition,”](#) a 2022 collection of articles by The Forge

[“The Discipline of Hope,”](#) by Ali Rachel Pearl

[“A World Where George Floyd And Ma’Khia Bryant Would Still Be Here Is A World Without Police,”](#) by Mariame Kaba and Andrea Ritchie

[The Demand Is Still #DefundThePolice](#), toolkit by Interrupting Criminalization

[“Is Prison Necessary?”](#) Interview with Ruthie Wilson Gilmore

[The Case for Prison Abolition: Ruth Wilson Gilmore on COVID-19, Racial Capitalism & Decarceration](#), interview on Democracy Now!

Mariame Kaba, [We Do This Til We Free Us: Abolitionist Organizing and Transforming Justice](#) (includes free downloadable discussion guide also at this link)

[Muslim Abolitionist Futures](#) (Abolishing the War on Terror)

[“Jail Won’t Solve White Supremacist Violence. Here’s How to Truly Confront It,”](#) by Kay Whitlock

[“Our Communities, Our Solutions: An Organizers’ Toolkit To Abolish Police,”](#) by Critical Resistance

[“What About the Rapists? An Abolitionist FAQ”](#)

[“More WAPs, Less Cops: Why Defunding the Police is the Best Defense Against Sexual Violence,”](#) by Chanelle Gallant

[“SURJ’s Call to White People: Withdraw Your Consent: Defund Police”](#)

[A Community Compilation on Police Abolition](#) (downloadable zine)

[“Abolish the Police. Instead Let’s Have Full Social, Economic, and Political Equity”](#) by Mychal Denzel Smith in *The Nation*.

[“To Fight For Black Lives Is to Be Anti-Police”](#)

[Feeling for the Edge of Your Imagination: Finding Ways Not to Call the Police](#)

[Graphic comic interview with Mariame Kaba](#), Director of Project NIA and one of the #SurvivedAndPunished organizers

[“Why We Need a World Without Police”](#) by Andrea J. Ritchie (excerpt from Ritchie’s book “Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color”)

The Movement for Black Lives Policy Platform (Currently undergoing updating)

- [Full Platforms](#)
- [End the War on Black People](#) (2020 Platform)
- [Community Control](#) (2016 Platform)

[“Should I Call the Cops”](#) by Rinku Sen

[“A Practice in Visioning a World Beyond White Supremacy”](#) by Dahlia Ferlito

[“If You Are A Cop...\(Or Have Cops In Your Life\)”](#) by Jennifer Harvey

[“Abolition and Reparations: Histories of Resistance, Transformative Justice, and Accountability”](#)
by Patrisse Cullors

[“How I Became a Police Abolitionist”](#) by Derecka Purnell

[“Yes, We Mean Literally Abolish the Police”](#) by Mariame Kaba

[“A New World Is Possible: Defund Police And Fund Black Lives”](#) by Kayla Reed and Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson

[Building a Police-Free Future](#): an FAQ from MPD150

[“We Have Already Stopped Calling the Cops: What We Can Learn about Police Abolition from Domestic Violence Activists”](#) from Bustle

[“We Want More Justice For Breonna Taylor Than The System That Killed Her Can Deliver,”](#) by Miriam Kaba and Andrea Ritchie

[“We Can’t ‘Fix’ Policing or Prison — But We Can Decide How to Create Actual Safety.”](#) Waging Nonviolence interview with [“Prison By Any Other Name”](#) authors Maya Schenwar and Victoria Law

[Readings by Black Women on Abolition](#), curated by Bilphena’s Library

[“Reformist Reforms vs. Abolitionist Steps in Policing”](#) from Critical Resistance (good to review if your group is considering supporting policy changes as one kind of action)

- See their similar chart on [Reforms vs. Abolitionist Steps in ending imprisonment](#).
- See [an adaptation of the policing chart](#) made for the UK context

[“Ending Immigrant Detention: Abolitionist Steps vs. Reformist Reforms”](#) from Detention Watch Network (modeled after Critical Resistance’s resource above)

[“In Calling to Defund Police, Don’t Fixate on Costs of Police Settlements,”](#) by Andrea Ritchie and Maurice Weeks

[“An Introduction to Police Abolition”](#) from Baltimore Beat

[Twitter thread on why there isn't one singular "alternative" to prisons](#), by Micah Herskind

["Imagine Alternatives to Policing"](#) graphics set by Luna Syenite

["After Abolition,"](#) sonnet by Kyle Carrero Lopez

["Aching for Abolition: As a Survivor of Sexual Violence, I know Prison Isn't the Answer,"](#) by Camonghne Felix

["Abolishing Policing Also Means Abolishing Family Regulation,"](#) by Dr. Dorothy Roberts

[Mandatory Reporting Is Not Neutral](#) website

["What the Public Is Getting Right - and Wrong - about Abolition,"](#) great interview with Rachel Herzing

["An Anti-Rape Movement Without Police,"](#) by Melissa Gira Grant

["We Must Sever Law Enforcement From the Labor Movement,"](#) by Kim Kelly

["What Abolitionists Do"](#) by Dan Berger, Mariame Kaba, and David Stein

["Community Policing and Other Fairy Tales,"](#) collection of comics for a police-free world from MPD150

["Uncaging Humanity: Rethinking Accountability in the Age of Abolition,"](#) by Mariame Kaba and Josie Duffy Rice

["To Stop Police Violence, We Need Better Questions — and Bigger Demands,"](#) by Mariame Kaba

["Where No One Suffers Hungry,"](#) by Havannah Tran

["How Abolitionists Are Responding to the Capitol Riot,"](#) by Jack Herrera

["Anything Is Possible: Toward an Abolitionist Vision,"](#) by Marc Lamont Hill

["Police Abolition 101: Messages When Facing Doubts"](#) zine by MPD 150

["What Are We Going to Do About It?"](#) Truthout interview with Mariame Kaba

["Abolition Means Removing Policing from Our Teaching and Thinking,"](#) by Victoria Collins

[“Precarity: The American Way,”](#) a webinar panel from Political Research Associates. Recording and transcript available at the link.

[“Racial Capitalism and Prison Abolition”](#)

[“Why Crime Isn’t the Question and Police Aren’t the Answer,”](#) by Alec Karakatsanis

[“Practicing Abolition. Creating Community,”](#) gorgeous zine from Project NIA

Hilary Moore, [Beyond Policing: A handbook for community-led solutions to the violence of policing in Western Europe.](#) Print copy and download both free. Also includes workshop outline for using the book.

[“What Does It Mean to Be a Good Cop?”](#) by Alec Karakatsanis

[“Re-Visions of Abolition,”](#) film with Angela Davis, Ruth Wilson Gilmore, and formerly incarcerated women

[“Murmurations: Realizing Our Abolitionist Dreams,”](#) by adrienne maree brown

[“Abortion Decriminalization is Part of the Larger Struggle Against Policing and Criminalization,”](#) report by Interrupting Criminalization

[“What Would Have Saved Tyre Nichols’ Life?”](#) by Derecka Purnell

[“Kids For Defunding the Police,”](#) zine from SURJ-Toronto

[Policing Gender](#)

Cynthia M. Blair, [I’ve Got to Make My Livin’: Black Women’s Sex Work in Turn-Of-The-Century Chicago](#)

Jessica R. Pliley, [Policing Sexuality: The Mann Act and the Making of the FBI](#)

Clare Sears, [Arresting Dress: Cross-Dressing, Law, and Fascination in Nineteenth-Century San Francisco](#)

Sarah Haley, [No Mercy Here: Gender, Punishment, and the Making of Jim Crow Modernity](#)

[“Policing Gender,”](#) from INCITE! Women of Color Against Violence

[“Law Enforcement Violence Against Women of Color and Trans People of Color: A Critical Intersection of Gender Violence and State Violence,”](#) an Organizer’s Resource and Toolkit, from INCITE! Women of Color against Violence

[“Putting More Women in the Police Force is a Cop Out”](#) from Bitch

[“The Sarah Everard Case Proves That More Cops Won’t Make Women Safe,”](#) from Bitch

[“J.K. Rowling and the White Supremacist History of ‘Biological Sex,’”](#) by Kevin Henderson

[“Police Criminals and the Brutalization of Black Girls,”](#) by Sikivu Hutchinson

Angela Davis, Gina Dent, Erica Meiners, and Beth Richie, **Abolition. Feminism. Now.**

- See also their interview, [“Why Policing and Prisons Can’t End Gender Violence”](#)

[Policing and the Criminalization of Black/Brown Protest](#)

[“Struggle for Power: The Ongoing Persecution of Black Movement by the US Government,”](#) 2021 report by the Movement for Black Lives

[“California Police Worked with Neo-Nazis to Pursue ‘Anti-Racist’ Activists”](#)

[“Rioting, Property and Christian Pacifism: A #CheapPeace Synchronblog,”](#) by Jason Dye at Left Cheek.

[“On Ferguson And Property,”](#) by Amaryah Shaye at *Women In Theology*

Willie Osterweil, [“In Defense of Looting”](#) (taking a look at “looting” as a tool of protest against policing, and how criticizing “looters” contributes to the criminalization of Black people)

Danielle L. McGuire, [“At the Dark End of the Street: Black Women, Rape, and Resistance: A New History of the Civil Rights Movement from Rosa Parks to the Rise of Black Power”](#)

Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, [“Fear of a Black Uprising: Confronting the White Pathologies That Shape Racist Policing”](#)

Jamye Wooten, [“Who Has the Right to Be Violent?”](#)

Dani Janae, [“Black Rage as Catharsis”](#)

[“On Ferguson Protests, the Destruction of things, and What Violence Really Is \(And Isn’t\),”](#) by Mia Mackenzie

[\(White\) Christians and Policing](#)

SURJ-Faith’s Community Safety for All Campaign [Holy Week Declaration](#)

“The Word Is Resistance” podcast by SURJ-Faith:

- [“Mary Magdalen’s Grief”](#) by Rev. Anne Dunlap ([Transcript](#))
- [“Uprisings and Abolition”](#) series
- [“Abolition Advent”](#) series

[“When White Christians Support Good Cops,”](#) by Caris Adel

[“How Would Jesus Police”](#) by Nichola Torbett

[“The Pastoral Is Political: The First Pride Was A Riot,”](#) by Rev. Anne Dunlap

[“The Pastoral Is Political: Called to Serve and Protect,”](#) by Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks

[“Podcast For a Just World: Resilience Part 2,”](#) interviews Rev. Anne Dunlap, Nichola Torbett, and Margaret Ernst about divesting from police as white Christians

[Twitter thread](#) on Christian theology and policing by queer theologian Linn Tonstad

[“A Theological Statement From the Black Church on Juneteenth”](#) by Rev. Dr. Eboni Marshall Turman and nearly 700 other Black pastors and theologians

[“U.S. Bishops Must Choose: Black People or the Police?”](#) by Dwayne David Paul

[“Challenging the Police: Abolition and Christian Ethics,”](#) by Nathaniel Grimes & Vincent Lloyd

[“Let’s Get Free: A Case for Abolition Theology,”](#) lecture by Darnell L. Moore, with responses

[“Christianity and the Abolition of Police and Prisons,”](#) webinar by the Institute for Christian Socialists

[“After Ferguson: America Must Abandon ‘Sick Christianity’ At Ease With Violence,”](#) by Willie James Jennings (note the intertwining of Christian theology and “law and order”)

[“Stand Your Ground: Black Bodies and the Justice of God,”](#) by Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas

[Christians for Abolition of Prisons](#) (See for example their piece, "[The Christian Case for Abolition](#)")

"[Toolkit: Building Space for Non-Punitive Accountability in Christian Communities](#)" by Hannah Bowman, Christians for Abolition of Prisons (theological re-imagining + practical action)

"[Many Columbus Clergy Demand Defunding Police](#)" by the Columbus Dispatch

"[Reforms Don't Work: The Police Must Be Defunded](#)," by Dwayne David Paul for America: The Jesuit Review

"[Throw Open Your Doors! A Call to Sanctuary](#)," a guide for Christian churches from the Institute for Christian Socialism

"[A Quaker Call to Abolition and Creation](#)," by Lucy Duncan

"[Challenge the Police: Abolition and Christian Ethics](#)," by Nathaniel Grimes and Vincent Lloyd

Mennonite Church USA [Abolition Curriculum](#)

"['Defund the Police' Is Deeply Anabaptist](#)," by Hillary Watson

"[Abolition Is the Embodiment of God's Justice](#)," by Hannah Bowman

"[We Need the Funk](#)," by Lynice Pinkard and Nichola Torbett

"[Abolition: A Revolution of Love](#)," by BaddestChaplain

[Jewish Experience and Policing](#)

"[Yom Kippur #TorahForTheResistance: Jews and Solidarity](#)," by Dove Kent

"[It's Time for Jewish Communities To Stop Investing In the Police](#)," by Lara Haft

"[Commit to the Community Safety Pledge](#)," from JFREJ and other Jewish organizers in the aftermath of the Tree of Life Synagogue Shooting

[JFREJ Ritual Toolkit for Mourning Black Lives and Police Violence](#)

"[Why I walked Out of Yom Kippur Services. Again.](#)" by Jeyn Levinson

[Kavod Community Safety Shavuot Session](#) - Resource Sheet

[Imagining the World to Come](#), an online journal of abolitionist Jewish perspectives

“[High Holidays 5780/2019 Community Safety Reflections](#),” by Nadav David

[Police Accountability in Jewish Law and Thought](#), with Rabbi Aryeh Bernstein

“[As a Black Jew, I’m Begging You: Don’t Arm Your Synagogue](#),” by Nylah Burton

“[What Happens When Everything Is Broken? Grappling With #DefundthePolice](#),” by Rabbi Aryeh Cohen. Particular attention given to the “*shoftim/shotrim*” in Devarim.

“[Olam Hadash: Towards a Jewish Theology of Abolition](#),” by Rabbi Ari Lev, Yom Kippur 5781

[Tisha B’Av: Mourning and Reimagining Safety](#), organized by Bend the Arc

[Twitter thread by April Rosenblum](#) on how Jewish fear is used to increase policing and militarization.

[Jo Kent Katz on the Continuing Impact of Ancestral Trauma](#)

“[Idolators: Those Who Claim the Right to Oppress or Enslave Others](#),” by Rabbi Aryeh Cohen

[Jewish Perspectives on Defunding Police](#), Panel led by Danforth Jewish Circle, Toronto

“[We Keep Each Other Safe: Safety Beyond Policing](#),” webinar from JFREJ and Jews On Our Own Terms

[White Women and Policing](#)

“[Free Thomas Wansley: A Letter to White Southern Women from Anne Braden](#)”

“[White Women for Defunding the Police](#)” from SURJ leaders

The Get Together! Episode 1: [White Women on Defunding the Police](#)

Immigration Enforcement and Policing

[National Map of Local Entanglement with ICE](#)

[“If Family Separations at the Border Outrage Us, So Should Family Separation Through Prison and Policing,”](#) by Leslie Mac

[“Free Our Future: Immigration Policy Platform”](#) by Mijente

[“Mapping Far Right and Anti-Immigrant Movement Alignment with County Sheriffs,”](#) research from Political Research Associates

[“Florida Farmworkers, Rocked by Covid and a Fatal Police Shooting, Are Demanding Justice,”](#) in Rolling Stone

[“Smart Borders or a Humane World?”](#) report by the Immigrant Defense Project

LGBTQ Experience and Policing (including Pride events)

[“Taking Freedom: Reclaiming Our Lineage: Organized Queer, Gender-Non-Conforming, and Transgender Resistance to Police Violence”](#) by Che Gossett, Reina Gossett & A.J. Lewis

[“Pride and Prejudice”](#) (article about Columbus, OH “Black Pride 4” action in 2017 and work since then)

[Black Queer and Intersectional Columbus “Community Pride” website](#)

[“Pride Parades, Police, & Black Lives Matter,”](#) by Dahlia Ferlito (member of SURJ affiliate AWARE-LA/WP4BL)

[“Decades of Resistance: Community Pride Ditches Police, Rainbow Capitalism”](#)

[“No Pride in Police, No Police in Pride: Resisting the Pinkwashing of State Violence”](#)

[“Principles of Pride: Police and Prisons Do Not Belong In Our Future”](#) from Autostraddle

Policing and Disability Justice

[Abolition and Disability Justice](#), website with principles and resources

[Disability Justice and Abolition](#), webinar with Elliott Fukui

[The Harriet Tubman Collective](#)

[We Can't Breathe: The Deaf & Disabled Margin of Police Brutality Project](#)

An Inclusive Abolitionism - Why Involuntary Psychiatric Medicine is not the Alternative To Prisons, by Elliott Fukui

- [Part One: The Crime of Feeling](#)
- [Part Two: The Crime of Survival](#)
- [Part Three: Better Together](#)

["Rights are Not Justice: Disability Justice Is an Essential Part of Abolishing Police and Prisons"](#)
by Talila Lewis for Abolition for the People

["Police Violence is a Disability Justice Issue,"](#) by Derecka Purnell

["Policing Mental Health Beyond Guantánamo,"](#) report by Nicole Nguyen

Alternatives to Policing

Transformative Justice & Addressing Harm

["Transform Harm,"](#) a resource hub about ending violence, created by Mariame Kaba

["Murmurations: From Rupture to Repair,"](#) by Briana Herman-Brand

[Transformative Justice: A Brief Description,"](#) by Mia Mingus

["Pods: The Building Blocks of Transformative Justice and Collective Care,"](#) by Mia Mingus/SOIL

["Expanding Our Frame: Deepening Our Demands for Safety and Healing for Black Survivors of Sexual Violence"](#) by Andrea J. Ritchie (2019)

[Developing Accountability "Pods,"](#) from the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective

[Robust list of articles, audio, and video on transformative justice](#), from the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collective

[“What Is/Isn’t Transformative Justice,”](#) by adrienne maree brown

[“A Better World: Transformative Justice and the Apocalypse”](#) by Kai Cheng

[“Muting Is Not Disposing Of \(Distinctions\)”](#) by adrienne maree brown

[Circles of Support and Accountability](#), a model focusing on the safe reintegration of people returning home from incarceration—usually high-risk, high-needs people convicted of a sexual offense. See also the [Community Justice Center](#) in Fresno, CA.

INCITE! Resources on Community Accountability Practices

- [Overview and Resources](#)
- [Organizing Handout](#)

[Toward Transformative Justice: A Liberatory Approach to Child Sexual Abuse and other forms of Intimate and Community Violence](#) from generation FIVE

[#SurvivedAndPunished: Survivor Defense as Abolitionist Praxis](#)

(Toolkit includes resources for organizing defense campaigns for survivors of violence)

[#SurvivedAndPunished: Resources on criminalization of survivors of violence](#)

INCITE! [Stop Law Enforcement Violence Toolkit](#)

Project NIA: [Transformative Justice Curriculum Guide](#)

(includes discussion re: alternatives to policing)

[Building Accountable Communities](#) video series

[Resources for Addressing Harm, Accountability, and Healing](#), from Critical Resistance

[Creative Interventions Toolkit](#): A Practical Guide to Stop Interpersonal Violence

[Beyond Survival: Strategies and Stories from the Transformative Justice Movement](#), book edited by Ejeris Dixon (Editor); Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

Project Nia and Barnard Center for Research on Women, Building Accountable Communities Video Series with Key Anti-Violence and Transformative Justice Organizers/Practitioners

- [What Is Transformative Justice?](#)

- [What Is Accountability?](#)
- [The Modern Roots of Transformative Justice](#)
- [Everyday Practices of Transformative Justice](#)
- [Centering the Needs of Survivors, Part 1](#)
- [Centering the Needs of Survivors, Part 2](#)
- [What Does Justice Look Like for Survivors?](#)
- [Intersections of Disability Justice and Transformative Justice](#)
- [What Are Obstacles to Accountability?](#)
- [How to Support Harm Doers in Being Accountable](#)
- [How Shame Can Block Accountability](#)
- [Consent Is Accountability](#)
- [Transformative Justice in the Apocalypse: Beyond Survival One Year Later](#)

[“Turning Towards Each Other: A Conflict Workbook”](#) by Jovida Ross & Weyam Ghadbian

[“Isolation Cannot Heal Isolation”](#) by Blyth Barnow

[“Building Your Abolitionist Toolbox,”](#) a robust set of presentations from Project NIA

[“Making Communities Safe Without Police,”](#) by Amanda Alexander and Danielle Sered

[Safety Planning and Intimate Partner Violence: A Toolkit for Survivors and Supporters](#)

- See related webinar, [“Intimate Partner Violence and Abolitionist Safety Planning”](#)

[“What to Do When You have Been Abusive,”](#) by Kai Cheng Thom

Things to Do Instead of Calling the Police

[“Abolition: How We Keep Us Safe”](#) zine with lots of practical strategies from Abolition Action

[“Rednecks for Black Lives Action Toolkit”](#) from Southern Crossroads

[DefundPolice.Org](#) - robust site with resources for budgeting, legislation, organizing, and trainings with the goal to defund police

[“What To Do Instead of Calling the Police,”](#) by Anna North

[“12 Things To Do Instead of Calling the Cops”](#)

[“How to Never Call the Cops Again: A Guide with a Few Alternatives to Calling Police”](#) from Autostraddle

[“A World Without Police”](#)

[“Are There Alternatives to Calling 911?”](#)

[“5 Things White People Can Do Before They Call the Cops on a Black Person”](#)

[“5 Things You Can Do Instead of Calling the Police”](#)

[Alternatives to Police in Case of Vandalism](#) (a resource from our UUA friends specifically for faith/spiritual communities; translatable to other contexts.)

[“Policing Is a Dirty Job. But Nobody’s Gotta Do It: Six Ideas for a Cop-Free World”](#) in Rolling Stone.

[“10 Lessons for Creating Safety Without Police”](#) by Tasha Amezcua, Ejeris Dixon & Che J. Rene Long for Truthout

[“No Throwaway People”](#) by Carla Shalaby (Twitter thread about how punitive carceral logics show up in classroom spaces...think also about how these logics show up in “classroom” and youth group type settings in faith communities and other formations)

[People’s Budget LA: Defund the Police. Fund Communities](#)

[What To Do Instead of Calling the Police](#) (robust resource list)

[“Abolish the Police? Organizers Say It’s Less Crazy Than It Sounds”](#) by Maya Dukmasova

[“Alternatives to Police”](#) booklet from Rose City Copwatch

[Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion \(LEAD\) Program](#) (pilot in Seattle, WA)
(Note: this should be considered a harm-reduction strategy)

[“How Not to Call the Po’Lice EVER,”](#) handbook by POOR Magazine, based on their workshops ([ebook version here](#))

[“What’s Next? Safer and More Just Communities Without Policing”](#)

Local Who to Call Instead Flow Charts

[Resource Guide & Flow Chart - DC: Alternatives to Calling the Police](#) (from SURJ-DC)

[Resource Guide & Flow Chart - Denver, CO](#): Alternatives to Calling the Police (from SURJ-Denver)

[Resource Guide & Flow Chart - Fairfax County, VA](#): Alternatives to Calling the Police (from SURJ-NOVA)

See also this database, "[Don't Call the Police](#)"

Mental Health & Harm Reduction

[Defund the Police - Invest in Community Care: A Guide to Non-Police Mental Health Crisis Responses](#)

[Harm Reduction Principles](#)

[Mental Health First Aid](#)

[Get trained in overdose prevention \(Narcan/Naloxone\)](#) and keep supplies stocked

[Navigating Crisis: 4-page guide for mental health crises](#) from the Icarus Project

[Fireweed Collective Crisis Toolkit](#)

[Faith in Harm Reduction](#) and their [Spirit of Harm Reduction Toolkit for Faith Communities](#)

Community Action Team (CAT) 911 [Abolitionist Mental Health Rapid Response Training Curriculum and Videos](#)

"[Keeping Each Other Alive: Mental Health and Collective Survival](#)," interview with Kelly Hayes, Elliot Fukui, and Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

Mutual Aid & Community-Based Safety and Defense Practices

SpiritHouse (Durham, NC) [Harm Free Zones](#)

New York City Community Defense: [Hate Free Zones](#)

Ella Baker Center for Human Rights: [Night Out for Safety and Liberation](#)

[Community Ready Corps](#)

Jewish Voice for Peace Community Safety Resource Packet, and Resource Guide

- [Packet](#)
- [Guide](#)

[Get in Formation: A Community Safety Toolkit](#), from Vision Change Win

[Big Door Brigade Mutual Aid Toolbox](#)

[Mutual Aid Disaster Relief](#)

[Mijente: Community Defense Zones Guide](#)

The Center for Anti-Violence Education:: [Self-Defense and Upstander Trainings](#)

[De-Escalation and Nonviolent Security](#), from Training for Change

[Defend Yourself: Self-Defense, Active Bystander, and De-Escalation Trainings](#)

Don't be a Bystander: [6 Tips for Responding to Racist Attacks](#)

NSVRC [Bystander Intervention Tips and Strategies](#)

[Right to Be](#) trainings

[Bystander Intervention Do's/Don't's](#)

[“Copwatching 101: Keep Your Eyes Open, Keep Your Neighbors Safe”](#) from Autostraddle

[Copwatch resource](#) from Assata's Daughters

[Copwatching Pro-Tips from People's Response Team](#)

[A Practical Web Tutorial to Bystander Intervention and De-Escalation Tactics](#)

Highlander Center Webinars on Mutual Aid

- [History and Principles of Mutual Aid](#)
- [Mutual Aid How-To](#)

SURJ Webinar on Mutual Aid with Dean Spade

- [Video](#)

- [Closed Caption Transcript](#)

[SURJ Interview on Mutual Aid with Shawn Fischer](#)

[Guide to Trauma-Informed De-Escalation During Actions and Protests](#) (translatable skills for other situations as well)

[“Collective Care Is Our Best Weapon Against Covid-19,”](#) from Mutual Aid Disaster Relief

[“They Don’t Care About Us But We Keep Us Safe,”](#) from Mutual Aid Disaster Relief

[“We Keep Each Other Safe: Mutual Aid for Solidarity and Survival,”](#) webinar with Dean Spade, Mariame Kaba, and Ejeris Dixon

[“How Disabled Mutual Aid Is Different Than Abled Mutual Aid,”](#) by Leah Lakshmi Piepzna-Samarasinha

[Great thread](#) about how “de-escalation” needs to be rooted in mutual relationship.

[The People’s Crisis Response - Lux Magazine](#)

[Resources for Building Security Culture](#)

The Ruckus Society: [Security Culture for Activists](#)

The Catalyst Project: [A Troublemaker’s Guide: Principles for Racial Justice In the Face of State Repression](#)

[What Is Security Culture](#)

[Security Culture: A Handbook for Activists](#)

[Confidence, Courage, Connection, Trust: A Proposal for a Robust Security Culture](#)

[Crossing the United States Border: A Security Guide for Citizens and Non-Citizens](#)

[A Tilted Guide for Being a Defendant](#)

[Info on 2017 Police Infiltration of SURJ DC](#)

[The FBI’s Failed Two-Year Campaign Against a Group of Nonviolent Activists in the Midwest](#)

[Freedom Archives: Learn about COINTELPRO](#)

[“The Burglary That Exposed COINTELPRO: Activists mark 50th Anniversary of Daring FBI Break-In,”](#) from Democracy Now