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GENERAL READINGS/RESOURCES:

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ABOLITION AND (BLACK) FEMINISM:

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Angela Davis on Black Lives Matter, Palestine, and the Future of Radicalism
https://lithub.com/angela-davis-on-black-lives-matter-palestine-and-the-future-of-radicalism/?fbclid=IwAR2RZJkrDuFmMJ_ukucMBK0hSmufEJt5gYe8NC0rup5q6Pke3oWeNxWXJWcpZQ

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- The prosecution rate was twice as high for Black female defendants than White female defendants and over four times higher for Black male defendants than White males. In 2017, the rate of prosecution was 2 per 1,000 population for Black female defendants 29 per 1,000 for black male defendants. Compared to 1 per 1,000 for White female defendant and 7 per 1,000 for White male defendants. [p6]

ABOLITION AND LGBT/QUEER ISSUES:

Captive Genders: Trans Embodiment and the Prison Industrial Complex - partial PDF

<https://trueleappress.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/stanely-smith-captive-genders.pdf>

Dazed - What it's like to be trans in the UK prison system

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http://againstequality.org/files/queering_prison_abolition_now.pdf

OTHER READINGS/RESOURCES LISTS:

Abolition Journal - Central Park Five Syllabus: A Supplementary Reading List

https://abolitionjournal.org/central-park-five-syllabus/?fbclid=IwAR0IE1rMErpflG-5jf9G2_fILIRu9bS9QiRliUq2x_3F2xt4XWDZahqPhw

Abolitionist Futures Reading Group:

<https://abolitionistfutures.com/pre-conference-events/abolitionist-reading-discussion-group/reading-list/>

Anti-racism resources for white people (compiled by Sarah Sophie Flicker, Alyssa Klein):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1BRIF2_zhNe86SGgHa6-VIBO-QgirlTwCTugSfKie5Fs/mobilebasic

Fliers on alternatives to policing:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HUuCPvOwUJEIxtUP4mCysAY9GyZrSmUk>

Google doc on supporting black lives in the UK (by @perkin_amalaraj):

https://docs.google.com/document/d/10ilz_pFB8DzPkwddc8dcmJdJ0ZMITfTs7lvs4uyusZk/edit

Incite! organisation: <https://incite-national.org/community-accountability/>

The Lockdown - Podcast on prisons and the criminal justice system in Britain

<https://novaramedia.com/category/audio/the-lockdown/>

PDFs of books by black radical thinkers:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1mljH99Nwy-SfgbDec-UDHSrrN1_JLmwB

Radical History Review - Reading Towards Abolition (thanks, Ida!)

<https://www.radicalhistoryreview.org/abusablepast/reading-towards-abolition-a-reading-list-on-policing-rebellion-and-the-criminalization-of-blackness/?fbclid=IwAR1EF-IFxI-uhmVyxY-ZpmD4mYyOcP-CPYEh3OD3QA9Lcr921Jt0wnn3C34>

Twitter Thread on Documentaries about understanding racism, prejudice, police brutality, and more <https://twitter.com/FILMSHAWTY/status/1266029625626497031>

Verso reading list on abolition and black struggle:

<https://www.versobooks.com/lists/4732-abolition-and-black-struggle>

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