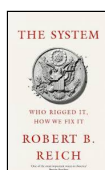




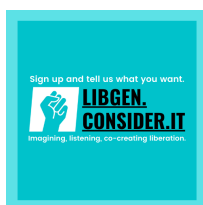
{{FirstName}}, we've been thinking a lot about power in this COVID-19 time. Who gets to be an essential worker? Who gets to continue to make a profit in a time when unemployment is and millions will not be able to pay rent? Who gets a test who doesn't? Those who had financial and political power and the elite institutions, will be the ones who make it out of this pandemic with less consequence or interruption to their lives.

This is a time of tremendous grief, sorrow and uncertainty. We are grieving the loss of lives. We are uncertain that our eviscerated federal government is really equipped to care for us and manage this pandemic. We are sorrowful that we likely do not have the political power to ensure that the depression/recession at our doorstep does not calcify racial disparities.

This crisis illuminates in stark clarity our disparity in power. We cannot let any talk of recovery muddy this clarity. People of color did not recover from the last financial crisis. Any recovery that does not make people of color whole, is not a recovery. We must prepare to #RememberInNovember and vote like our lives depend on it.



Check out [Jeremie Greer's review](#) of *The System: Who Rigged It, How to Fix It* by Robert Reich. This book speaks to the failings of our political economy and is a timely overview of the oligarchical power that has exacerbated the devastation of the COVID-19 pandemic.



**We're listening.** An equitable national rapid response depends on having national policies that are 'shovel-ready,' designed to meet the economic challenges of people of color, and that set up people of color for economic liberation. **Sign up, weigh in at [LibGen.Consider.It](#)**, and tell a friend to do the same.

[Solana Rice shares her take](#) on why our racial wealth gap will remain if we hold on to personal responsibility myths.



## #ShareMyCheck

We all know that wealth redistribution is critical to shifting our collective power. Our friends at Resource Generation are hosting a campaign to get as many people as possible to redistribute all of, or part of, their stimulus check to a combination of rapid response mutual-aid funds and long-term grassroots movement building organizations. **Check it out at <https://www.sharemycheck.org/#sharemycheck>**

### **What we're reading. Great takes on the economic fallout of this crisis for people of color.**

- Our partners at PolicyLink released principles for a ["street-smart" recovery](#) to prepare us for long-term restructuring that achieves equity.
- Center for Popular Democracy released an edition of [the Forge](#) focused on Bargaining for the Common Good. Timely read on how labor organizing is transforming to be visionary, participatory, and intersectional.
- Our partners at Common Future are helping us to understand how we make it through this time with more resilient with their ["Respond, Reimagine, Restructure" framework](#).
- Kilolo Kijakazi, Urban Institute Fellow, [reveals the systems](#) driving disparities we're seeing in the pandemic
- Joelle Gamble, principal at Omidyar Network, [implores us to have a longer-term economic vision](#) beyond these stimulus packages
- Angela Hanks, Deputy ED at Groundwork Collaborative, [on how the pandemic reveals tremendous weakness in this economy](#).
- Manuel Pastor and Chris Benner on the [need to flatten our economic disparity curve](#) by linking short-term solutions to longer-term policies and outcomes
- Danyelle Solomon and Darrick Hamilton on the [intersections of the racial effects of the pandemic and the racial wealth gap](#).
- Naomi Klein, Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor and Astra Taylor share their takes on how we [avoid Corona Capitalism that reinforces our current disparities](#)

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