

Black, Latinx, Indigenous, Asian, and Pacific Islander people collectively have had a proverbial boot on our neck since the "founding" of this country. Yes, white supremacy is alive and well, and it will not end unless basic truths about our economy are recognized: that racism is profitable, that racism creates wealth for the elite, and that racism is to blame for the difficult economic conditions of people of color. The framework of racial capitalism captures this undeniable truth by exposing the ways that the economic systems of the United States have been racialized by design since their inception.

We are so pleased to share with you The Rise and Fall of Racial Capitalism. In this edition of The Forge you'll find a dozen audio and written articles exploring how racial capitalism shows up today and what are the ways that organizers are tackling it. First, a series of riveting audio articles about how capital is generated, circulated, and traded in this economy — and what they believe defines racial capitalism.

- This land is your land with Chrystel Cornelius, Cy Richardson and Tara Raghuveer
- Work, work, work, work, work with Rebecca Dixon and Daniel Bustillo
- Money, power, respect with Maurice BP-Weeks and Robert Reich

Written articles and more interviews feature stories of campaigns that demonstrate that fights for racial justice in any context must include an economic justice analysis. They explore everything from legalizing cannabis to ending mass incarceration to fighting eco-fascism.

Be sure to check out:



• Danni Adams, Zaina Alsous, and Keirten Nivol from the <u>Dream Defenders</u>, in an audio interview, speak to why police and prison abolition will free all of us. <u>Listen here.</u>

- Raisa Johnson of <u>BYP100 DC</u> tells the timely, inspiring story of fighting for decriminalizing sex work, especially for Black trans women. <u>Read here</u>.
- Lawrence Grandpre of <u>Leaders for a Beautiful Struggle</u> illuminates how the legalization of cannabis should account for the disproportionate racialized harm of the War on Drugs. <u>Read</u> <u>here.</u>
- Greisa Martinez Rosas of <u>United We Dream</u>, in an audio interview, makes the connection between our racialized immigration system and racial capitalism. <u>Listen here</u>.

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