

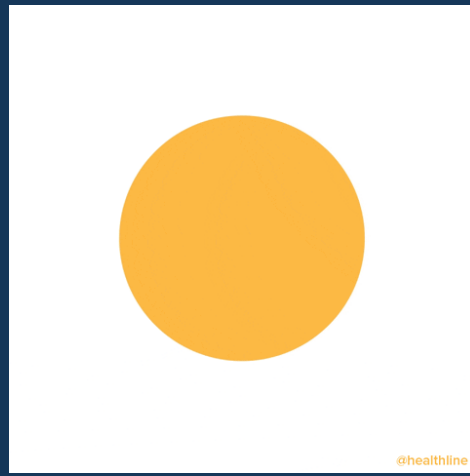
## We'll Accept Nothing Less Than Liberation

As we know, a new year does not absolve America of its racist and white supremacist roots. Hours after Black organizers won Georgia and the Senate, an armed mob of white vigilantes attacked the US Capitol. Incited by white supremacists, including [those in office](#), who refuse to accept the results of the election, the Capitol riots are a blatant display of how the only acceptable violence is white violence.

Let's say it plain: The government and the police have always been key players in upholding oppression and strengthening systemic racism in our nation. Although President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris were sworn in on Inauguration Day and we hold the federal government trifecta, we know that Democrats will not save us from the centuries of white supremacy plaguing our institutions, systems, and policies—and people.

As we grieve and navigate these traumatic events, we hold true to our work to win liberation. Black and brown people have always been doing anti-racist work, and we need our government and allies to explicitly follow and elevate the efforts of these leaders. In 2021 and always, we will not stop fighting for the structural change necessary to deliver liberation and justice for people of color.

We also recognize the importance of rest. Please take care of yourself and each other. Here is a breathing exercise we encourage you to try out:



### THE PLAYBOOK FOR HOUSING JUSTICE

To end economic oppression and reach liberation, we need massive systems change and robust intervention—and investment—from the government. This means we need, among many transformations, a New Deal for housing justice. And as a nation, we have the power and resources to ensure that everyone has a place to call home.

A project led by Lynn Ross, Community Change released the [Housing Justice Playbook](#), which includes contributions from our co-founder and co-executive director Jeremie Greer. It is past time for a transformative federal housing agenda that not only reasserts the government's role in housing, but also fundamentally reframes and reimagines that role to be centered on achieving racial equity, increasing opportunity, and guaranteeing homes for all.

[READ THE PLAYBOOK](#)



#### COMING SOON

In January 2020, we joined the [Anti-Monopoly Fund of the Economic Security Project](#) to combat **corporate concentration**. Soon, we'll be releasing our publication "Anti-Monopoly Activism: Reclaiming Power from the Ground Up." Be sure to keep a lookout for that.

#### THE BEST OF THE FORGE

On Twitter, the Forge pulled together [some of the best contributions](#) to their journal over the last year in 2020. Interview articles from our series on "The Rise and Fall of Racial Capitalism" are featured, including:

- [Money, Power, Respect](#) by Maurice BP-Weeks and Robert Reich
- ["It's a crime to be poor"](#) by Keirten Nivol, Zaina Alsous, and Danni Adams

## Progressives of Color in the Administration



We're excited to share that some of our movement partners have joined the Biden-Harris administration! We're grateful to have these folks leading the way in building back a better economy and fighting for more equitable policies for our communities.

- [Gbenga Ajilore](#), Senior Advisor at the Department of Agriculture
- [Angela Hanks](#), Counselor to the Secretary at the Department of Labor
- [Janelle Jones](#), Chief Economist at the Department of Labor
- [Kilolo Kijakazi](#), Deputy Commissioner for Retirement and Disability Policy at the Social Security Administration
- [Raj Nayak](#), Senior Advisor to the Secretary at the Department of Labor



### Research Funding Opportunity: *Time's Up, Measure Up*

The TIME'S UP Foundation recently launched Time's Up, Measure Up, a five-year initiative to study and report on the impact of gender and racial inequities that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 crisis. As part of the initiative, TIME'S UP seeks to support new research that will fill data gaps, call attention to communities who have been historically excluded, and better understand the barriers to safe, fair, and dignified work for all.

TIME'S UP is currently seeking research proposals that explore the impact of COVID-19 on workplace conditions for women workers, especially for workers of color and low-paid women. The deadline to apply is Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 11:59pm EST. Learn more [here](#).

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact them at [tumu.researchgrants@timesupnow.org](mailto:tumu.researchgrants@timesupnow.org).

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