



# BLACK HISTORY IS NOW

Yes, we recognize that it's Black History Month, but we also recognize the history, culture, and contributions of Black people every month of every year—not just in February. As corporations make their annual push to “celebrate” Blackness, we at Liberation in a Generation know that performative activism won't save Black people and other communities of color from the harmful—and too often deadly—impacts of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and America's longstanding racism crisis. Only we will save us.

We're in a pivotal position to not only call for national economic recovery efforts that center Black people and people of color but to also demand systemic transformation that puts us on a path toward economic liberation. A COVID-19 vaccine will prevent untold numbers of people from dying, but it won't do anything to end the racism that drives our economy. Instead, organizing is the antidote to racial economic oppression. Read more about our thoughts on why organizers of color are essential to ending America's centuries-long oppression crisis in Solana's essay for *The Forge* [here](#).

As we continue our journey toward racial justice and economic liberation, we will continue to celebrate Black people today, tomorrow, and always.

## LibGen Highlights



#BlackHer  
Interview with  
Solana Rice



Ben McBride on  
Building Black  
Political Power



Distancing Racism  
on *The Forge*



## LibGen Reacts to the Administration's Racial Equity Agenda

Last month, President Joe Biden signed a collection of executive orders to initiate the administration's racial equity agenda. The orders are a meaningful first step, “but the magnitude of racial justice in America cannot be understated or easily undone,” said Jeremie. “Anything less than ‘going big’ is not enough.” Read our full statement [here](#).



## Toward Liberation: PolicyLink and LibGen Interview

“The problem isn't that we need to find our voice, it's that, for the most part, power doesn't listen when we speak. When we speak, we make power uncomfortable.”

Read [PolicyLink](#) President and CEO Michael McAfee's interview with Jeremie on their Medium page [here](#).



# #ProsperUS Launch

We know that the best hope for long-term and inclusive economic recovery is massive public investment from the government that will create jobs, raise wages, and not only keep people out of poverty but eventually eliminate it. Lessons from past recessions show us that lawmakers must act fast, invest boldly, and bail out people, especially Black and brown communities who have historically been exploited and excluded from our economy.

We're proud to join #ProsperUS—a coalition of movement groups, labor organizations, think tanks, experts, and advocates—to urge the government to act upon the overwhelmingly popular demands of the people and to put our needs before private profits. Together, we will build a resilient and inclusive economy that puts people first. Read the [press release](#) and learn more at [ProsperUS.org](#).

PRESS RELEASE

## Rise Together: National Women's History Month

Celebrate National Women's History Month in March by checking out [And She Could Be Next](#), the documentary series from Ava DuVernay. The series follows the journey of trailblazing women of color—candidates and organizers—who are transforming politics from the ground up. Filmed by a team of women filmmakers of color throughout 2018 and into 2019, it features a dynamic slate of history-makers.



# JOB OPPORTUNITIES



## Work for Dream Defenders

Are you passionate about a vision for a world where instead of cages and handcuffs, people have a safe home to live in, enough food to eat, clean water to drink, healthcare, a good education, and the ability to develop to their fullest potential? If the answer is yes...

DREAM DEFENDER JOBS



## Black Voters Matter Is Hiring

BVM is seeking a [Communications Director](#) to lead the design and implementation of their strategic communications and narrative-shift objectives, including press relations, social media, text-based and print materials. They're also looking for organizers, coordinators, and more!

BVM JOBS



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