Always Telling The Truth About Racism

As cities and states across the country work to ban critical race theory (CRT), we stay naming the truth about our country’s racist past and present. For Off-Kilter Podcast, Jeremie joined Aisha Nyandoro and Elisa Minoff to talk through work requirements as a legacy of slavery; check out Elisa’s must-read report here. He was also on We Have No Idea with Maurice BP-Weeks to discuss the racist roots of America’s credit system. And in our #HearUs4Justice column, Rebecca Dixon spoke to how at-will employment “grew out of the soil of slavery and servitude.”

Even after the 2020 uprisings, too many people and places within the economic justice movement are still struggling to acknowledge and accept the role that racism and racists play in our oppression. But we know that economic liberation requires telling the truth about racism — always.

Securing Guaranteed Housing for People of Color

For generations, Black and brown folks have been crushed by a racist housing system. Yesterday, we released a new brief — as part of an ongoing series — to demonstrate how a federal guaranteed housing program can deliver safety and security for people of color. Inspired by the tenant leaders who are demanding a Homes Guarantee, we’re showing why economic guarantees are rooted in racial justice and will move us toward a Liberation Economy.

Independent Peoples’ Day

October 11 marked Indigenous Peoples Day. A powerful time to reflect on where we’ve been and where we need to go. “In 2021, we are still uncovering the oppression Indigenous people — and children — have endured, and we know that it continues today,” tweeted Solana. “There’s no LiberationEconomy without all of us.” Jeremie responded to the Biden administration’s proclamation, reminding us that “a proclamation is not policy. Moving toward liberation will require our government to enact systemic change that helps mitigate past and ongoing harms that hurt Indigenous people.”

The Federal Reserve, our nation’s central bank, is a powerful institution that is currently only working to uphold the white supremacist status quo. For Ms. Magazine, Solana and Vasudha Desikan explain why it’s time for women to be at the helm of Fed leadership. “Personnel is policy,” they write. “We’ve seen what white men get us, which is a lot for them and not much for us. Let’s put powerful women in power and reshape the Fed into an institutional force for race, gender, and economic progress.”

Nebraska Nation 2021

Solana moderated a panel at this year’s Nebraska Nation virtual conference. Check her out talking about “Guaranteed Income from the Ground Up: Building Power and Policy in Community” with a Twitter thread from our friends at the Economic Security Project.

Remaking the Fed, by Us and for Us

For NextCity, Erica Williams wrote about taxing the rich as a tool for economic liberation. “We needed a step toward tax justice for racial justice. And we got it,” she said. “That meant raising taxes on the residents who traversed this pandemic ... relatively unscathed and, in many cases, witnessed their wealth grow.”

Help get out the vote in Minneapolis: Tuesday, November 2, is the general election, and Black Visions needs your support to fight for a future beyond policing. Through Monday, you can volunteer to phone bank, canvass, door knock, and more. Join the blitz and sign up here.

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