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Transitional Justice Framework

CONFLICT (construct) — PEACE/STABILITY (construct)

Conflict — Peace/Stability

Individual

Truth Seeking

National

Reparations

Institutional Reform

Transition

Justice
Every race has a soul, and the soul of that race finds expression in its institutions, and to kill those institutions is to kill the soul...No people can profit or be helped under institutions which are not the outcome of their own character.

Edward Blyden, 1903
What we have today is a U.S. Congress that admitted to this nation’s most treacherous, prolonged and deadly series of crimes against humanity and the present-day consequences of those crimes. Without acting to confront America’s racism by investing in truth-telling, peace-building and healing initiatives to account for admitted atrocities, the aftereffects of those atrocities will continually haunt this nation.

Imani Michelle Scott, PhD

Ed. Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free: Can a Truth and Reconciliation Process Heal Racial Conflict in America?
To move toward a reconciled America, we have to do the work ourselves. Reconciliation is an ongoing and collective process. We must roll up our sleeves and do the messy, challenging, but hopeful work of creating transformed relationships and structures leading us into new futures.

Fania E. Davis, JD, PhD
POST-RACIAL OR MOST-RACIAL?

* Image from cover of book by Michael Tesler*
When you are privileged, equality feels like oppression.

Unknown
Suggested Resources

• Books
  • White Fragility – Robin DeAngelo
  • Racism Without Racists – Eduardo Bonilla Silva
  • Medical Apartheid – Harriet A Washington
  • Crimes Against Humanity in the Land of the Free
  • The Little Book of Restorative Justice

• Organizations
  • Anti-Racism Working Group – WCU
  • National Association for Community and Restorative Justice
  • The Truth Telling Project
References


