

OPERATION: REDUCE & ELIMINATE WHITE NONSENSE

(an abbreviated syllabus)

White people, it's (always been) on us to do better in this world, yet we rarely do. Everything is set up to unfairly favor us in one way or another. Your mission, should you choose to accept it:

- Read, study, listen to the experiences of nonwhite people—especially those combatting intersectional oppressions.
- Believe them. Full stop.
- Consider how you might unwittingly contribute to unfair systems. Sit with the discomfort this will cause. Get your shit together.
- Don't be defensive (i.e. Never, never never use the phrase "But not all white people," EVER!!!)
- Start a conversation with your (white) friends. Pass it on...

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