An elderly woman said at the outset of Occupy Wall Street “we’re fighting for a society in which everyone is important.” The original encampments were disbanded in 2011, but the offshoots of this movement are still making a difference. In the ’90s, Act Up, folks ill and dying, altered how we think about HIV/Aids. They pushed on policy, funding, education, and outreach. Housing Works was founded in 1990. Today, it may look like just another bookstore in Manhattan, but it still provides a broad array of services, including housing, to HIV-positive people 27 years later. The civil rights movement began taking
shape in the ‘40s culminating in the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Stonewall Riots in 1969, the feminist movement in the ’60s and ’70s, the United Farm Workers movement, all contributed to a new era of social justice movements in this country. And the outcomes from these movements and others were not limited to those who were alive at that time.

Actions ripple out far beyond their intended objective. Standing Rock at its height was the largest political gathering of Native North Americans ever witnessed, and akin to the Native American occupation of Alcatraz Island in the 60’s, became a symbol of power, pride and solidarity. Standing Rock inspired a generation of young people who have many years of good work yet to do.

I have been amazed by the strength of the resistance happening now. Will it endure? For some, if the results are not immediate, it is a failure. Some give up, stay home, and do nothing. I hope that the few examples mentioned above, (only for the sake of brevity), make the case for the lasting effect of action, persistence, and solidarity. Patrisse Cullors, one of the founders of Black Lives Matter, described the movement’s mission as “rooted in grief and rage but pointed towards vision and dreams”. The hope for a better future doesn’t deny suffering but endures because of it. The fight for a society in which everyone is important endures. An indivisible world in which everything matters endures. Some of the most dramatic changes are often the most unforeseen. We must endure.

In solidarity,
Michelle
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Your Vote Matters!

Think your vote doesn’t count? Think again! Your vote CAN make a difference. Learn how just one vote can influence the future of your city, county, state, or country.

Do Protests Work?

It sometimes takes decades to find out.
How to Deal with Online Hate
Some advice on how to cope with hate and criticism on the internet—and what separates useful criticism, incivility, and abuse.
Join the group on Facebook for updates. We will have two options for support. One will be for students only and the other one will be for allies.

"CARING FOR MYSELF IS NOT SELF-INDULGENCE, IT IS SELF-PRESERVATION, AND THAT IS AN ACT OF POLITICAL WARFARE."

Audre Lorde

Practicing Self-Care: How to start your work, sustain your work, and protect your peace.

Stay Educated
Changing Womxn Collective In Solidarity
The Changing Womxn Collective has created a document of Black Lives Matter resources, funds, and actionable for community members, protestors/protectors, allies, and more.
Find out more and join the movement to fight for Freedom, Liberation and Justice by signing up for updates, supporting Black Lives Matter work, checking out resources, or following them on social media.

Come Through with Rebecca Carroll
15 essential conversations about race in a pivotal year for America.
To engage with issues of intersectionality, current anti-racist protests, and the disparate impacts of COVID-19, the Center for Intersectional Gender Studies and Research has created a list of resources on their website—to WATCH, LISTEN, READ and ACT.

"This is Her Place"
Focuses on women in Utah past and present. Each episode narrates the stories of remarkable Utah women, including and Annie Dodger Wauneka, a Navajo community leader and doctor.
Opinion

"You Want a Confederate Monument? My Body is a Confederate Monument.

The black people I come from were owned and raped by the white people I come from. Who dares to tell me to celebrate them?"

Native Voices

THE DILEMMA OF THE FOURTH OF JULY

As a nation, the United States of America does not share a common memory, and therefore struggles to have true community."
Dreamers

How DACA Has Transformed The Lives Of Dreamers — And Their Communities

"Today, many people will celebrate. But people are well aware that there's a lot more work to be done."