

## **OLOC End White Dominance 12.24.21**

General recap of the 2021 End White Dominance Series: The Ways in Which the Atrocities of White Dominance Affect all Humans. The 2021 presentations on White Dominance and Racism:

Housing

Economic

Education

Healthcare

Insurance

Transportation

Prison Industrial Complex/San Francisco Jails

Information Suppression

Voter Suppression

Indigenous People

Thanksgiving

**Which topic(s) impacted you the most; did you learn anything from the series; did anything change in you; and did you implement any change in your life actions?**

- Learned about the failure to provide guarantee loans to veterans/people of color
- Learned something from all of them especially the Indigenous People and Racism and the land we live on and paying attention now to this topic than she did before.
- Margaret Garner story. Doing more reading on racism and history; Black non-fiction; what Black women face every single day; has made donations; like all discussions but becoming aware of white women who don't know how to interact with Black women.
- Thanksgiving – she like this national holiday because it was secular but aware that it is colonial dominance; liked that it acknowledged what it is based on. So glad and happy that OLOC is presenting these topics. New to OLOC and feel good about it.
- Grateful that this series is going on, but they are not able to participate – the emails give her things to think about and read about; glad that this series is continuing.
- Means a tremendously a lot that this is going on but has not participated much; glad to be reminded of the Doctrine of Discovery (Indigenous People and Racism) and made it so good which led to watching the Native American women's movies from Women Make Movies. Appreciate what you are doing and thank you.
- Has not attended any – knows they are worthwhile but painful to confront some of these things; feel helpless; it is not easy to get biracial people together; there are not a lot of women of color in this group.
- Attended a couple. Did not know about voter suppression. Wish the presentations were recorded and viewed by others; she has not been as successful in making friends or joining groups either; everyone needs to learn how to be a better ally and friend. Thank you.
- Learned something at each of the 2-3 that they attended but am stymied – happy that OLOC is dealing with this but is in danger of being overly educated and academic; but what are we (OLOC) really doing to make change; if you look for racism, you will find it everywhere; learned a lot but it is only so helpful. Thank you.
- Thank you for today. Regarding the opening remarks "survival skills of Black women" – the number of Black women who have excelled and are in positions of authority has risen in recent years; there is strength and purpose in Black women which is miraculous and amazing; was there a political and personal need; Black women seem to be powerful right now more than in any other group.
- All of the workshops were helpful; learned some stuff; happy to be doing the work with lesbians which is an extra treat, feeling connected.
- Missed most of them but the topic of housing was so eye opening, massively. Very impressed thank you Sally; went on to read "The Color of Law" afterwards and watched a documentary on this issue in Minneapolis MN – devastated to learn about what went on in my hometown.

- Thank you OLOC, anyone and everybody for attempting to do this series which is not easy to do; there have been one or two errors, but it is the effort and attempt to correct the mistakes. Try to learn to get better – present the facts.
- Thankful but did not attend most of them – enjoyed the follow up session (Margaret Garner) that included great discussion; building a diverse community and attending the Women and the Land session – how do we interact with each other; Thanksgiving presentation: pleased that the Tommy Orange book was cited because of the parallels regarding survival.
- Learned a lot: now reading and digging deeper; learned what is real; very hard to align with someone who has done wrong; sharing and seeing all of you.
- Learned a huge amount through researching, listening to presentation and from the attendee's comment and discussions.
- Learning and then sharing the topics with a local organization.
- Still experiencing white dominance; new to the topic voter suppression and disheartened with voting rights behavior.

#### **What did you like about the series and what are your thoughts for its future growth?**

- Really valuable and educational; heady when white women talk about what they have learned; should watch Black News for a Black perspective – learning; Black women don't like to be called "strong" and perpetuates a myth; listen to them – Black culture.
- Black women have been here all along and have now been asked to be in front of the camera.
- What can we do? Learn history, examine our own roles. Because of movements such as civil rights, feminist, Native American, etc. and organizations such as the African American Policy Forum; Women's March that are working against white supremacy – the "right wing" and KKK perpetuate violence to maintain white supremacy.
- Topics  
On the list:
  1. Environmental racism
  2. Latina
  3. Middle Eastern
  4. Missing Indigenous Women
  5. Poverty
  6. Say Her Name
  7. Local organizations and Black Lives Matter
 Others:
  1. Broad topics could be talked about in any venue anywhere – more on Lesbianism because we are survivors, too; topics should shrink to a personal thing instead of broad
  2. Immigration: how do we include and help them without making them giving up their culture
  3. Herstory of Black Lesbians
  4. Asian and South Pacific Islanders
  5. Sexism and learning from Black women
  6. Misinformation continued
  7. Internationalism and including other countries
- Activism: start reading the books by Black authors; Black women are now role models; stop the division and look at what and how and do that. Get a bunch of books by Black women and be aware of being white and what that means; are we willing to take direction from Black women; the hate for Blacks, women, etc.
- Within the next 25 years, the US will no longer be a white majority – how we will move in that new situation
- Fear of losing white dominance power and going after the right to vote at the state and federal levels. Need to pass the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Act.
- Discussion about OLOC having bilingual communications.
- Discussion about recruiting younger lesbians to be a part of OLOC.