Being, becoming, and fostering allies: 
Advocating for social justice from places of relative privilege

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Ally: “An ally is a member of a dominant group in our society who works to dismantle any form of oppression from which she or he receives the benefit. Allied behavior means taking personal responsibility for the changes we know are needed in our society, and so often ignore or leave to others to deal with. Allied behavior is intentional, overt, consistent activity that challenges prevailing patterns of oppression, makes privileges that are so often invisible visible, and facilitates the empowerment of persons targeted by oppression” (Ayvazian, 1995, p. 138)

Privilege: A hierarchical system that gives advantages to some but not others, based solely on status

Resource list: Resisting Racism as Allies

A curated list of popular articles, videos, and other web resources related to anti-racism and allies: RACEJustice (Relate, Advocate, Challenged, Educate for Justice: membricsys.appspot.com/racejustice

See also: http://www.wpcr-boston.org/books/
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Chescaleigh (2014). Five tips for being an ally https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_dg86g-QlM0


Helms, J. (2007). A race is a nice thing to have: a guide to being a White person or understanding the White persons in your life. 2nd edition. Microtraining Associates.


