



A FEW OTHER “TO DO’S” FOR WHITE ALLIES
Beginning List – 10/19/05

Essential Actions:

1. **Interventions**: Learning how to speak out effectively whenever people are saying offensive things – *Practice, Practice...* (A skill that is applicable re all oppressions)
2. **Practice your “elevator speech” on Affirmative Action**
3. **Have an ongoing learning and support groups of allies, POC & White Allies.**

ALSO:

- Keep an eye out for businesses of color to support.
- Work on affordable housing, and get it institutionalized in your city’s planning. Ghetto’s can only disappear when communities become racially and economically diverse.
- Learn your local history as it relates to race.
- Learn about the curricula being used in local schools.
- Tag team at a mall, with teams working with POC to note differences in service, and then following up with complaints and returns. (Suggested by Tim Wise)
- Work to build deeper relationships with POC.
- Learn some Spanish [or another language, especially one that is spoken by a marginalized group in your community].
- Work to add the racial justice lens to all the work that you do, and share it, so that it becomes 2nd nature.
- Get involved with changing Indian mascot team names

EXPERIMENTS to gain some different experiences, watch reactions, and learn:

- My “White’ friend, colleague, co-worker” week”
- Dress-up week: Yakima, turban, Hindu, dreadlock & head scarf exercise
- Riding the bus week
- Name change week to an African or more “exotic” non-WASP name