

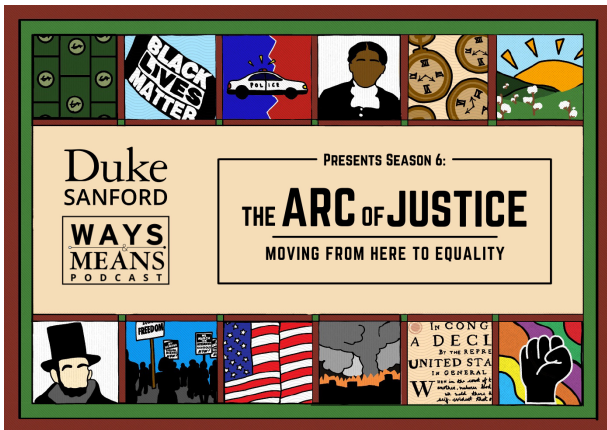
Podcast Discussion Guide - Episode 5

White Brutality

The Ways & Means podcast series *The Arc of Justice* is produced in partnership with Duke Professor William A. “Sandy” Darity Jr. and folklorist and arts consultant A. Kirsten Mullen based on their book *From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century*. Darity is the Samuel DuBois Cook Distinguished Professor of Public Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University.

Over six episodes, the podcast series explores disparities in economic opportunities between African Americans and whites throughout American history – describing what might have been, and policies that still could be implemented in the future.

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"The Wilmington massacre was the point at which the possibility of joint rule between whites and blacks in the state of North Carolina was extinguished... for virtually a century."

- William A. "Sandy" Darity Jr.

Tips as You Listen:

1. Open ears and heart.
2. Get comfortable in your discomfort,
3. Continue to do your own research.
4. Talk about what you have learned with others.

Key Terms to Learn:

White capping - an often violent act by whites to repress African American progress that occurred in the U.S. in the late 19th and first half of the 20th centuries

Red Shirts – a white supremacist paramilitary terrorist group that was active in the late 19th century around the Reconstruction era of the United States

Resources to Read:

1. [From Here to Equality: Reparations for Black Americans in the 21st Century](#), William A. Darity Jr. and A. Kirsten Mullen (UNC Press, 2020)
2. ["Examining Gaps In The 1968 Report That First Named White Racism As The Cause For Black Riots"](#) (WUNC, 2020)
3. [White Terror: The Ku Klux Klan Conspiracy and Southern Reconstruction](#), Allen W. Trelease (Harper and Row, 1971)
4. [Emancipation Betrayed: The Hidden History of Black Organizing and White Violence in Florida from Reconstruction to the Bloody Election of 1920](#), Paul Ortiz (University of California Press, 2005)

Listen to Episode 5: waysandmeansshow.org

Documentary to view:

[Wilmington on Fire](#) (Blackhouse Publishing, 2015)

Questions to Discuss:

1. How was violence deployed in the U. S. to push forward the agenda of white supremacy?
2. What was the impact of white violence on racial wealth inequality?
3. Why is it important that the true scope of these violent attacks become known? What are the lasting impacts of an incomplete historical record of these events?
4. What is the significance of the federal government not investigating these hateful crimes?
5. Why is accountability for these crimes important?

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