

**From Pacifica: A New Daily Show on Critical Issues:  
COVID, RACISM & DEMOCRACY**  
at the intersection of the pandemic & the struggle for justice



## PRESS RELEASE

The Pacifica Foundation and its national radio affiliates explore uncharted territory in radio waves starting Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup> with a daily show: **COVID, Race, & Democracy**. KPFK, Los Angeles will begin this historic enterprise with the collaboration of its many radio affiliates across the nation. At center-stage will be COVID-19 and many of its connecting lines to questions of race and democracy in the United States.

**THIS WEEK WE WILL BE LOOKING AT THE LEGACY AND CURRENCY OF JUNETEENTH, AND ISSUES OF SLAVERY AND ABOLITION, THEN AND NOW.**

You will hear the voices of scientists, doctors, activists, legislators, historians, and above all, common folks expressing their views on COVID-19, Race and Democracy.

Spend an hour a day with our hosts: Monday - KPFK's Nana Gyamfi, Tuesday - WPFW's Verna Avery-Brown, Wednesday - KPFA's Ann Garrison, Thursday - WPFW's Gloria Browne-Marshall, Friday - KPFT's Akua Holt.

Spread the word, tell a friend and neighbor - Pacifica Radio is again doing what it does best  
- RADIO FOR PEACE, JUSTICE, AND EQUALITY -  
for today, tomorrow and the times to come.

**WHAT:** A new national show, COVID, Race, & Democracy

**WHO:** Pacifica Radio and its Affiliates

**WHEN:** Starting June 15, 2020

**WHERE:** On your local Pacifica radio stations and many affiliates, as well as on [covidtaskforce.pacifica.org](https://covidtaskforce.pacifica.org) and on [pacificanetwork.org](https://pacificanetwork.org)

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### **Episode 1 - 2020-06-15**

In today's edition of COVID, Race, and Democracy from KPFK: we hear from co-founder of Black Lives Matter Los Angeles, Dr. Melina Abdullah, political prisoner, journalist and Black Panther Mumia Abu Jamal, physician and epidemiologist Dr. MarcAlain Dery, scholar and activist Johanna Fernandez, and from activist Ralph Poynter, among many other voices from the streets of New York. We also have a report from Alaska about the impact of Covid on local communities. This and much more.

### **Episode 2 - 2020-06-16**

In today's edition of COVID, Race, and Democracy from WPFW: Sebi Medina-Tayac, Piscataway Nation, I. Chris Stewart, Esq., Esther Iverem, Drs. Mark Dery and Eric Griggs, Mumia Abu Jamal, Steve Zeltzer, Nick Cannon, "I Can't Breathe" Elijah Blake, "Hanging Tree" and comedian Trevor Noah.

### **Episode 3 - 2020-06-17**

In today's edition of COVID, Race, and Democracy from KPFA: Patrisse Cullors, co-founder of Black Lives Matter and Andrea Ritchie, a police misconduct attorney talk about police violence. HARD KNOCK RADIO takes to the streets of Oakland to hear voices of protests and speaks to police reform activists about what it will take to improve police departments. Kimberley Crenshaw discusses the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color and Dr. John Swartzberg explores what the coronavirus landscape could look like in the coming months as states continue to reopen.

### **Episode 4 - 2020-06-18**

Today's edition is presented by Pacifica's New York Station, WBAI. We look at killings by police reminiscent of lynchings of the past. We hear from a community member who was accosted by NYPD officers during a protest in Brooklyn. Sapphire speaks out on racism and policing in the time of COVID-19. And Professor Michio Kaku debunks myths about COVID--All this and more.

### **Episode 5 - 2020-06-19**

Today's edition of COVID, Race, & Democracy is dedicated to Juneteenth, the celebration of the resistance of the enslaved people of African descent. Host Akua holt talks to the esteemed scholar and author Dr. Gerald Horne, as well as to scholar and activist Sam Collins. Participation from WPFW in Washington, DC, and many other special guests.