

# *White Americans Say They Are Waking Up to Racism. What Will It Add Up To?*

Anti-racism activists have detailed concerns that are not only about symbols or slurs but also about entire systems governing how Americans live.

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about this moment, said Jeremy O. Harris, a playwright and the writer of "Slave Play," is "listening to white people say this is the first time they realize how bad it is."

In interviews, some white Americans admitted that even the process of reflecting on racism underscored for them how little they grasp the everyday experience of being black in America.

Research shows there is scant interpersonal contact between white and black Americans: One in five white respondents to a poll from the Public Religion Research Institute last year said that they rarely or never had an interaction with someone of a

A shift in the priorities of white Americans regarding racial equality, race scholars said, is critical to achieving it. In the first two weeks of coast-to-coast protests, support for the Black Lives Matter movement increased by nearly as much as it had the previous two 0.00000912 0 6



'We're not saying all lives don't matter. It's that all lives can't matter until black lives matter.'