

Oregon has an incredibly racist history, beginning with laws of exclusion written into our constitution. Not teaching about this history does nothing to change what has happened, or work to address the continued realities and impacts of systemic racism. I urge our lawmakers to take this important step in beginning to address white supremacy, and start teaching the next generations the truth. Until we can name and fully understand the realities of racial oppression, and systems that uphold it, we will not be able to eliminate them. This is an important opportunity to speak out, and to work toward change.