Racial Equity Action Committee on Homelessness in Ohio

Thursday, April 13th 2023
Challenges to Race Conversations

• What are/have been challenges or obstacles to productive, dynamic conversations?

• Why are some folks uncomfortable or even unwilling to participate?
Reframing the Conversation: From Personal to Structural

To engage in a serious discussion of race in America, we must begin not with the problems of Black people but with the flaws of American society – flaws rooted in historic inequalities and longstanding cultural stereotypes. How we set up the terms for discussing racial issues shapes our perception and response to these issues.

- Cornel West
Reframing the Conversation: From Personal to Structural

Emotional-Visceral Processing vs. Intellectual-Critical Processing
Structural Framework: “Societal Flaws”

• What are some significant societal flaws?

• How and when did you learn about these?

• How does recognizing and understanding societal flaws shape perceptions and responses to certain issues?
Advancing Racial Equity

What is Needful?

• Intentionality

• Audacity
Responding with Intentionality and Audacity

Examples:

• Civil Rights Era, e.g., Summer Community Organization and Political Education

• Dayton Dialogue on Race Relations

• COHHIO Internal Conversations
Questions
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