

# Racial Equity Action Committee on Homelessness in Ohio

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# Housing Ohio Annual Conference

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# 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 Needed?

- 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

# CEU Code

**HI614**