NARRATIVE AREA OF OPPORTUNITY: RADICAL SOLIDARITY

A framing that details the interconnected nature of reparations and Black liberation to other oppressed communities and transformative social movements.

Best used against:
- Reverse Racism Narrative
- Diaspora at Odds Narrative
- Universalism Narrative

Articulate:
- What does the concept of solidarity mean to you?
- How is the racial justice movement and the movement for Black Lives connected to other social movements and/or oppressed communities?
- In what ways is the history of U.S. chattel slavery connected to Indigenous genocide and land theft?
- How has solidarity shown up in progressive social movements over time?
- What does BIPOC mean to you? Does solidarity currently exist between these distinct communities? Why or why not?
- Where can solidarity be strengthened throughout progressive movements?
- How does racial solidarity and class solidarity coincide, particularly in the context of the Black reparations movement.
Align:

◆ In what ways do you or your organization currently practice or articulate solidarity within your advocacy?
◆ Are there specific stories of solidarity that you currently use in your advocacy/storytelling? Can they be used to support the movement for reparations?

Amplify

◆ How can you employ the Radical Solidarity frame in the face of right-wing efforts to pit communities of color against each other?
◆ What audiences might resonate most with this frame and why?
◆ Where does this frame already show up within society? Where are there opportunities for this frame to grow in parts of society, and why?

Activity

Activity: Read the below screenshot from the chapter ‘The Formation of Asian American Nationalism in the Age of Black Power’ by Jeffrey O.G. Ogbar. The chapter can be read in full here.

◆ What are your general thoughts about the paragraph? What emotions does it evoke and why?
◆ What complexities exist in the concept of solidarity, particularly across race?
◆ Can true community control over political, economic, and educational institutions within communities of color be achieved in the United States? If so, how?
◆ What does radical solidarity look like in practice? What will our movements look and feel like if we can achieve a radical type of solidarity?
◆ What, if any, are the potential pitfalls of radical solidarity?
◆ How can you, as an individual, strengthen solidarity with other marginalized groups?

We Asian-Americans believe that heretofore we have been relating to the white standards of acceptability, and affirm the right of self-determination. We Asian-Americans support all non-white liberation movements and believe that all minorities in order to be true liberated must have complete control over the political, economical and educational institutions within their respective communities.