



# Colorado Book Club Resource

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR WHITE FRAGILITY: WHY IT'S SO HARD FOR WHITE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT RACISM BY ROBIN DIANGELO**

1. What does the author mean by white fragility? What is your reaction to it?
2. How does the white belief in individuality function? How does it protect whites?
3. Is it possible to be totally objective in our society about race? Why or why not?
4. Is whiteness invisible in our society?
5. Is whiteness still the norm in our society? Why or why not?
6. How do you think class affects whites' ability to stay away from racial questions?
7. Do you think whites and Blacks have a chance to get to know each other in American society? Why or why not?
8. What is your image of what a racist looks like?
9. Do you feel comfortable speaking about race?
10. The author cites studies that find racism is all around us. Does this sound consistent with your experience?
11. Does racism affect politics and who people vote for? If so, how?
12. What do you think are healthy ways to engage in conversations about race?

*Discussion questions adapted from Bookrags.com.*



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