

What is the common good? AY 2020-21
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We spent the early summer of 2020 exploring the idea of the common good, and the sources here are ones we found along our way. Some came immediately to mind, like the TV series *The Good Place* or *The Migration Series* of paintings by Jacob Lawrence. Some, like Imani Perry’s essay on the “defiant joy” of Blackness, are just published. Some come from familiar places we turn to again and again for inspiration and meaning—Baltimore City, the BMA, *This American Life*, *Brainpickings*. Here are places to wander, to get lost, to find new pathways.

1. Maria Popova, “[Truth, Justice, and Public Good: Simone Weil on Political Manipulation, the Dangers of “For” and “Against,” and How to Save Thinking from Opinion](https://www.brainpickings.org/2018/10/31/simone-weil-abolition-of-all-political-parties/)”



<https://www.brainpickings.org/2018/10/31/simone-weil-abolition-of-all-political-parties/>

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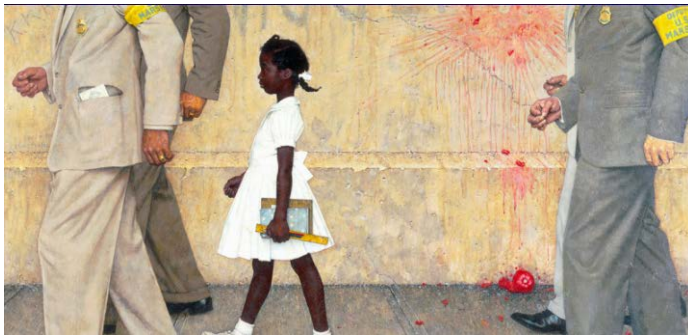
http://www.shorediving.com/Earth/USA_East/Maine/Rachel_Carson_Salt_Pond_Preserve/index.htm

3. *The Good Place*, NBC, streaming on Netflix



<https://www.deseret.com/entertainment/2020/1/30/21115128/the-good-place-finale-kristen-bell-eleanor-chidi-tahani-jason-ted-danson-nbc-michael-schur>

4. *This American Life*, “[The Problem We All Live With - Part 1](#)”



<https://www.thisamericanlife.org/562/the-problem-we-all-live-with-part-one>

5. *On Being with Krista Tippett*, “[Grace Lee Boggs: A Century in the World](#)”



<https://onbeing.org/programs/grace-lee-boggs-a-century-in-the-world/>

6. Darren Walker, “[Are You Willing to Give Up Your Privilege?](#)”



<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/11/19/arts/design/ford-foundation-center-for-social-justice-renovation.html>

7. Imani Perry, “[Racism is Terrible. Blackness is Not.](#)”



<https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/06/racism-terrible-blackness-not/613039/>

8. *The Baltimore Sun*, “[Abel Wolman, father of clean water; Sanitary engineer: His 75-year career led to better health for millions around the world](#)”



<https://www.baltimoresun.com/coronavirus/bs-md-dpw-coronavirus-restrictions-20200321w2qsxak55bhf5g7rpk2hw5barq-story.html>

9. Robert W. Stock, “[Safety Lessons from the Morgue](https://www.nytimes.com/2012/10/28/magazine/safety-lessons-from-the-morgue.html?pagewanted=all)”



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10. Pete Brook, “[The Most Gripping Photo Essays on Criminal Justice, on Vantage](https://medium.com/vantage/criminal-justice-reform-on-medium-52f1b4e7ce13)”



<https://medium.com/vantage/criminal-justice-reform-on-medium-52f1b4e7ce13>

11. [Baltimore Museum of Art](https://artbma.org/exhibitions/past.html)



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12. Afaa Michael Weaver, “Poets on Poetry”



<https://www.amazon.com/Multitudes-Selected-Afaa-Michael-Weaver/dp/1889330418>

13. Jacob Lawrence, *The Migration Series*



<https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/the-migration-series/panels/58/in-the-north-the-african-american-had-more-educational-opportunities>

14. Rebecca Solnit, “*City of Women*”



<http://rebeccasolnit.net/essay/city-of-women/>

15. Ursula K. LeGuin, “[She Unnames Them](#)”



<https://lithub.com/ursula-k-le-guin-editing-to-the-end/>

16. Common Good Film Series



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEUXfv87Wpk>

Link: Coming soon

17. Common Good Playlist



[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/This_Is_America_\(song\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/This_Is_America_(song))

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