

**Thank you for attending YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's
July 15 YW Wednesdays Action Conversation on Race!**

And special thanks to our panelists, [Fawn Walker-Montgomery](#), Co-founder of [Take Action Mon Valley](#), and [Chardaé Jones](#), Mayor of [Braddock, PA](#)! Key action steps presented in our July Conversation that you can take to foster racial equity include:

- Educate yourself
- Attend council meetings,
- Consider running for public office
- Vote

The links below provide further reading and resources. If you would like to talk more or have an idea for a future conversation, please feel free to reach out to Barbara Johnson, Senior Director, Center for Race and Gender Equity at bjohnson@ywcapgh.org.

Respectability Politics:

A concept analyzed by Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham in her 1993 book *Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church, 1880–1920*. In the context of Black American history, respectability politics was socially enforced as a way of eliminating and criticizing cultural practices thought to be disrespected (labeled “bad”) by wider society, especially in the context of family values and “good” manners.

- Damon Young, [The Definition, Danger, and Disease of Respectability Politics](#), The Root, March 21, 2016.
- Nicholas Powers, [Respectability Politics is Losing Ground in Black Liberation Struggles](#), Truthout, February 25, 2019.

Information and resources for running for public office:

- [The Congressional Black Caucus Political Education and Leadership Institute](#)
- [Ready to Run](#), a program at Chatham University's Center for Women and Politics

Make yourself count

- [Register to vote](#)
- Complete the [2020 Census](#)