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Summer 2020 Newsletter



## Current events demonstrate the value of media literacy skills

Dear Renee

Media messages shape us, as individuals and as a society. There's been sudden widespread public attention on police violence and structural inequality facing Black people in our country. At MLN, we believe that media systems must change if our culture is going to change. As a result, we're reflecting on our role as media literacy advocates and have committed to elevating media literacy education as a tool to create the society we all deserve: one that nurtures racial equity, social justice, and true democracy. Media literacy equals cultural change. [Please find our full thoughts here.](#)

And because media literacy education is essential to health, well-being, and participation in economic and civic life today, media literacy is an educational equity issue. There is still plenty of work to do to make sure media literacy education is accessible to all youth, as was highlighted in our 2020 [Media Literacy Policy Report](#). Thanks, and may you stay healthy during this challenging time.

**Erin McNeill**

Media Literacy Now founder

## What's New

***Our grassroots network is growing!** We welcomed new state leaders in [Missouri](#), [South Carolina](#), [Tennessee](#), and [Louisiana](#) who were successful this year in putting media literacy on the public policy agenda. In addition, [Colorado](#), [Washington](#), [Connecticut](#), and [Rhode Island](#) are making progress in implementing the recommendations of experts that our model bill helped put in place. You can always find the latest on our website.*

### Resources highlight: social justice, race and ethnicity, and privilege

Media literacy education is a tool that can be used to promote social justice and equality for all. Looking for curriculum or guidance on how to have those conversations with youth? [Take a look at some of our topical resources here.](#) And find a full list of resources at [our newly redesigned and relaunched page.](#)



### New York state civics and media literacy report

Democracy Ready NY's report gives five specific policy recommendations on how to combat systemic issues that stand in the way of making media literacy education a part of every school's curriculum. MLN's New York chapter leader Jaclyn Kahn Siegel contributed to shaping those findings. It's a good tool for advocates there and in other states. [Learn more.](#)

