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The **American Experience** documentary, **The Vote**, premiering on PBS Utah this month, examines the fiery movement that finally led to American women being achieving the right to vote in 1920. It reminds us that change in our country does not always happen easily, or quickly, or quietly, or without struggle. It reminds us that, although our country was founded on principles of individual rights and liberties, those rights and liberties have not been extended to every person equally.

In response to the events that have followed the death of George Floyd, Paula Kerger, President & CEO of PBS said, "As a media system that serves every person in America, we stand with the Black community, and we stand against racism and hate. In the coming days and weeks, we will use our national reach and community presence to deepen understanding, foster conversation, and enable meaningful change. And we will continue to stand behind our courageous journalists, whose unwavering commitment to speak truth to power is essential to the strength of our democracy."

PBS Utah has compiled a list of films and resources to help people learn about the history of race and racism in this country, the

stories of Black Americans, and the experiences of being Black in America today at www.pbsutah.org/race-and-racism. One of the resources that can be found there is a digital series called **Let's Talk**. Hosted by Dr. Karen Tao, of the Department of Educational Psychology at The University of Utah, this series seeks to help parents talk to their children about race, racism, and cultural differences.

I'm extremely proud of that series, and of all the local and national productions curated on that page. However, I recognize that there are still things PBS Utah can do, or do better, to further the conversation, and to ensure that the diversity of our community is reflected in our work and in the stories we tell. We will continue to strive to fulfill our value statement, "We give voice to a diversity of perspectives to strengthen the social, democratic, and cultural health of Utah."

"Hopefully we can all share some vulnerability that these conversations are hard, and mostly we fumble through it and don't have all the answers," Dr. Tao says. "Yet, we can't let this fear keep us from talking."



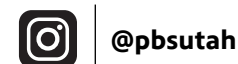
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