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What We're Reading¹

[What Americans Really Think About 'Critical Race Theory,'](#) Jamelle Bouie, *The New York Times*: "For Democrats, then, this is a culture war they can win. They just have to fight it."

[Toxic Nostalgia, From Putin to Trump to the Trucker Convoys,](#) Naomi Klein, *The Intercept*, "Because climate change is the Earth telling us that nothing is free; that the age of (white, male) human "dominion" has ended; that there is no such thing as a one-way relationship comprised only of taking; that all actions have reactions. These centuries of digging and spewing are now unleashing forces that make even the sturdiest structures created by industrial societies — coastal cities, highways, oil rigs — look vulnerable and frail. And within the extractivist mindset, that is impossible to accept."

[What We Owe Our Fellow Animals,](#) Martha Nussbaum, *New York Review of Books*: It is important for all of us to try hard to understand what scientists have been discovering. Animals have long been seen as mere property, as "brute beasts." Now a revolution in knowledge is revealing the enormous richness and cognitive complexity of animal lives, which prominently include intricate social groups, emotional responses, and even cultural learning. We share this fragile planet with other sentient animals, whose efforts to live and flourish are thwarted in countless ways by human negligence and obtuseness. This gives us a collective responsibility to do something to make our ubiquitous domination more benign, less brutal—perhaps even more just.

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