

HANDOUT FOUR: COMPLICITY



The narrative of racial difference persists because people believe in it and act to uphold it. As you view each of these images, respond to the following questions:

- Describe what you see in the photograph.
- What questions would you ask the photographer about these photos?
- What evidence of the narrative of racial difference is present in the photo?
- Who or what is missing from this photo that might give you a fuller picture or what is happening?
- How would the photo be different if so many people were not complicit in the narrative of racial difference?

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The people who perpetrated these lynchings weren't people wearing white hoods, there was no need to wear a hood. You could actually pose with the victim's body. You could carve their body up and collect souvenirs. This was actually a point of pride. Everybody was complicit.

— **BRYAN STEVENSON**

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PHOTO 1



PHOTO 2



PHOTO 3



PHOTO 4



PHOTO 5



PHOTO 6