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**ABC OWNED TELEVISION STATIONS TEAM UP WITH ARRAY FILMWORKS TO PRESENT
'OUR AMERICA: HIDDEN STORIES WITH AVA DUVERNAY' BEGINNING JULY 14**

**Award-Winning Writer, Director and Producer Ava DuVernay Shares Personal Insight Into Her
Highly Anticipated Film 'ORIGIN'**



A trailer for the episode can be viewed [here](#).

ABC Owned Television Stations in association with ARRAY Filmworks present "Our America: Hidden Stories with Ava DuVernay," beginning, **Sunday, July 14**, across ABC Owned Television Stations linear and [digital](#) platforms, and streaming on [Hulu](#) July 19. The compelling and educational one-hour special sheds light on the interconnected issues of caste through the lenses of racism, sexism and other various human hierarchies in America while drawing from the themes in her landmark film "ORIGIN." The special aims to engage, inform and inspire viewers to connect on a human level.

Traveling across the United States, with interviews in Los Angeles, Houston and New York, conversation highlights include the following topics:

The Making of "Origin"

In a special "On The Red Carpet" segment, DuVernay shares insights into the making of her highly anticipated film "Origin," her inspiration, and the intended takeaways for the audience.

Book Bans

DuVernay explores the controversy surrounding the attempted ban of Isabel Wilkerson's "Caste" in Texas schools, further highlighting the public's influence on library and textbook decisions.

Caste in America

“All of the ‘isms’ sit on top of caste.” In this segment, WABC-TV anchor [Sade Baderinwa](#) and DuVernay dissect the differences between caste, class and all the “isms” that are supported by sometimes seemingly hidden systems of dominance.

Student Roundtable

Lastly, DuVernay sits down for an enlightening roundtable discussion with current college students to gain insight into their passions and concerns and what motivates them to drive societal change.

Additionally, the special aims to educate the audience on their role in caste systems, the concept of caste, the issues of othering and belonging to racism and injustice, and the responsibility we all have as a role of individuals in effecting positive change in our communities and our country. Online, viewers are invited to use DuVernay’s [free Interactive tools](#), which will allow viewers access to an “ORIGIN” learning companion that explores how caste shows up in health care, education, technology, the legal system, and even environmental justice. These materials supplement the educational experience, encouraging further exploration and understanding of the film’s themes.

“**Our America: Hidden Stories with Ava DuVernay**” streams on [Hulu](#) beginning, Friday, July 19, and across the ABC Owned Television Stations streaming and digital platforms, and linear on the following dates:

Sunday, July 14

3:00 p.m. PDT ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles

Monday, July 15

8:00 p.m. EDT ABC Localish

Saturday, July 20

11:00 a.m. PDT ABC30/KFSN-TV Fresno
1:00 p.m. EDT ABC7/WABC-TV New York
8:30 p.m. PDT ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco

Sunday, July 21

4:00 p.m. CDT ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago
6:00 p.m. EDT ABC Localish

Saturday, July 27

12:30 p.m. CDT ABC13/KTRK-TV Houston

Sunday, July 28

11:30 a.m. EDT ABC11/WTVD-TV Raleigh-Durham

Sunday, Aug. 4

5:00 p.m. EDT 6abc/WPVI-TV Philadelphia

“**Our America: Hidden Stories with Ava DuVernay**” is executive produced by Ava DuVernay, Tammy Garnes, Paul Garnes, Tilane Jones and Nzinga Blake, executive producer, Race & Culture, ABC Owned Television Stations.

The documentary special is available on the 24/7 streaming platforms, 32 connected TV apps across [Amazon Fire TV](#), [Android TV](#), [Apple TV](#) and [Roku](#).

About ORIGIN

Written, directed, and produced by Academy Award nominee, Ava DuVernay, ORIGIN explores the mystery of history, the wonders of romance, and a fight for our future. While investigating the global phenomenon of caste and its dark influence on society, a journalist faces unfathomable personal loss and uncovers the beauty of human resilience. With an expansive cast that includes Academy Award nominee Aunjanue Ellis-Taylor, Jon Bernthal, and Niecy Nash-Betts, the film was inspired by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Isabel Wilkerson's novel *Caste: The Origin of Our Discontents*. Never stop learning with the ORIGIN Learning Companion at [ORIGIN101.org](#).

About ABC Owned Television Stations

Disney Entertainment Television's eight owned ABC stations are multiplatform leaders in local news and information. Collectively No. 1 across all U.S. television households, the eight stations are comprised of WABC-TV New York, KABC-TV Los Angeles, WLS-TV Chicago, WPVI-TV Philadelphia, KTRK-TV Houston, KGO-TV San Francisco, WTVD-TV Raleigh-Durham and KFSN-TV Fresno. With WABC-NY, they produce the #1 syndicated daytime series in the country, [“Live with Kelly and Mark,”](#) and with KABC- LA, we produce the leading syndicated entertainment brand ABC [“On the Red Carpet.”](#)

The stations also deliver locally sourced storytelling to millions of viewers via its streaming channels that feature 24/7 local news coverage, breaking news, weather forecasts, exclusive premium content and feel-good stories from ABC's award-winning “Localish.” The ABC Owned Television Stations ended 2023 with the most streaming minutes among its competitors and have continued to lead into 2024. They are also the leading local station group on social media reaching more than 34 million people across platforms, including four stations that have reached Gold Creator Status on YouTube.

More information about ABC Owned Television Stations streaming channels can be found here: [ABC7/WABC-TV New York](#), [ABC7/KABC-TV Los Angeles](#), [ABC7/WLS-TV Chicago](#), [6ABC/WPVI-TV Philadelphia](#), [ABC7/KGO-TV San Francisco](#), [ABC13/KTRK-TV Houston](#), [ABC11/WTVD-TV Raleigh-Durham](#) and [ABC30/KFSN-TV Fresno](#).

About ARRAY

ARRAY is a multi-platform media company and arts collective founded by Ava DuVernay focused on narrative change. The collective aims to amplify the work of underrepresented voices and stories in film through the distribution of diverse projects and the creation of original content.

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