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Award-winning filmmaker George Gittoes' critically acclaimed documentary *White Light* to air on ABC & iview this July

An unflinching examination of America's pervasive gun culture in South Side, Chicago



Filmmaker George Gittoes at a Black Lives Matter rally in South Side, Chicago

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Following its run at film festivals in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane last year, and at a time when the world is at a critical juncture in its response to the Black Lives Matter movement, award-winning Australian artist and filmmaker George Gittoes' critically acclaimed documentary *White Light* will air on ABC and iview on Tuesday, 14 July at 8.30pm.

White Light is an intimate portrait of the community of Englewood in Chicago's segregated South Side, an area that has earned the nickname "Chi-Raq" from some residents who liken the area to the war zones in Iraq due to its extremely high gun violence and murder rates. *White Light* goes to the source of why these civilian deaths are happening, highlighting ways the community is working to bring peace, and end the cycle of revenge which is perpetuated with every new killing.

Gittoes, who has spent over 40 years documenting war zones around the world, travelled to the United States after speaking with a US soldier, Yanos Hagos, who told Gittoes his hometown in Chicago was far more dangerous than fighting in Iraq. Gittoes says, "I found this to be horribly true. With rising gun violence in the USA, I decided to go to the place in South Side, Chicago that's been dubbed Chi-Raq to show how little progress has been made since 1968 when first I travelled to the US