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# RED LINES, GREEN SPACES, BLUE WATERS: UNDERSTANDING INEQUITIES OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

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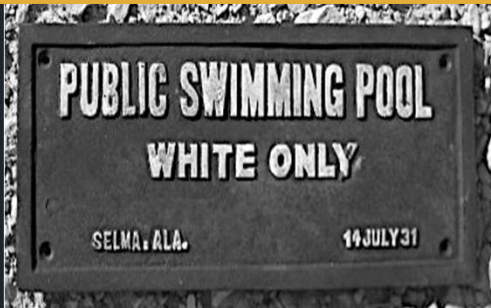
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**NAME ANY KIND OF BARRIER  
TO PHYSICAL ACTIVITY**

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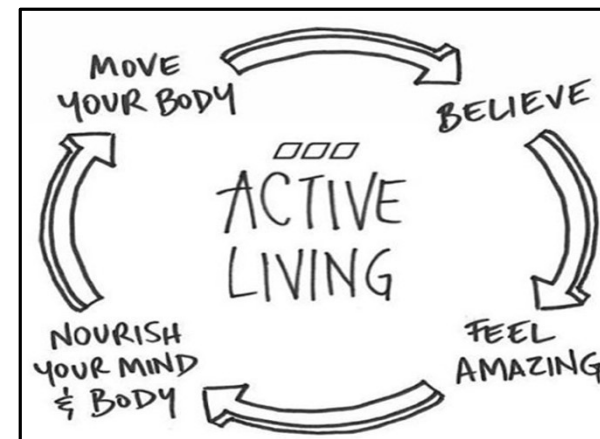
# PRESENTATION OUTLINE

## HEALTH EQUITY

- SDOH → Racism
- Active Living Paradigm

## ACTIVE LIVING INEQUITIES

- Blue Spaces
- Green Spaces
- Social Spaces





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# HEALTH EQUITY

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# THE BEGINNING OF AMERICA

1600

1700

1800

1900

2000+

AFRICAN AMERICAN ENSLAVEMENT

1619  
START OF  
AMERICAN SLAVERY

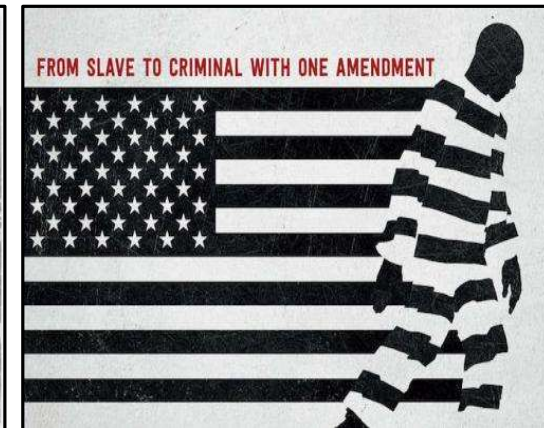
1776  
DECLARATION  
OF INDEPENDENCE

1863  
EMANCIPATION  
PROCLAMATION

JIM CROW ERA

MASS  
INCARCERATION

TO BE SOLD, on board the  
Ship *Bance-Island*, on tuesday the 6th  
of May next, at *Ashley-Ferry*; a choice  
cargo of about 250 fine healthy  
**NEGROES,**  
just arrived from the  
Windward & Rice Coast.  
—The utmost care has  
already been taken, and  
shall be continued, to keep them free from  
the least danger of being infected with the  
SMALL-POX, no boat having been on  
board, and all other communication with  
people from *Charles-Town* prevented.  
*Austin, Laurens, & Appleby.*  
N. B. Full one Half of the above Negroes have had the  
SMALL-POX in their own Country.



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# FOUR LEVELS OF RACISM

Private beliefs, prejudices, & ideas as an individual

PERSONAL

The expression of racism between individuals

INTERPERSONAL

Discriminatory treatment, policies, & practices within organisations

INSTITUTIONAL

“**STRUCTURAL RACISM IN THE U.S. IS THE NORMALIZATION AND LEGITIMIZATION OF AN ARRAY OF DYNAMICS (HISTORICAL, CULTURAL, INSTITUTIONAL, AND INTERPERSONAL) THAT ROUTINELY ADVANTAGES **WHITE** PEOPLE WHILE PRODUCING CUMULATIVE AND CHRONIC ADVERSE OUTCOMES FOR PEOPLE OF COLOR.”**

– DR. TRICIA ROSE –

STRUCTURAL

# STRUCTURAL RACISM: A SYSTEM IN MOTION



## SAMENESS

of people,  
perspectives



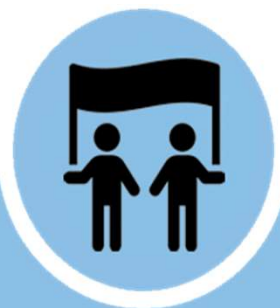
## INEQUITY

in policy, practice  
& position



## EXCLUSION

via power, voice &  
organizational culture



## INJUSTICE

with equal rights &  
equitable  
opportunities

← STRUCTURAL RACISM

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# STRUCTURE AND SYSTEM MUST BE DISMANTLED

## Equality



The assumption is that **everyone benefits from the same supports**. This is equal treatment.

## Equity



**Everyone gets the supports they need** (this is the concept of "affirmative action"), thus producing equity.

## Justice



All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because **the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed**. The systemic barrier has been removed.



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# ACTIVE LIVING PARADIGM

## BUILT AND NATURAL SPACE FEATURES

- MIXED LAND USE
- POPULATION DENSITY
- CONNECTED STREETS
- NEARBY DESTINATIONS
- PUBLIC TRANSIT
- PATHS, TRAILS, SIDEWALKS
- RECREATIONAL AREAS
- PARKS AND GREEN SPACE
- AESTHETICS AND IMAGE

## MEDIATING FACTORS

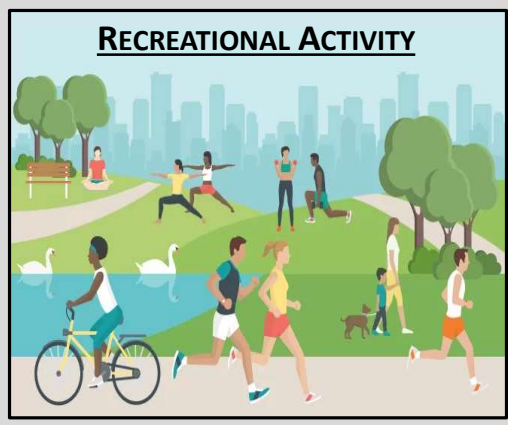


## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY



## HEALTH OUTCOME RISKS

- PREMATURE DEATH
- OBESITY/OVERWEIGHT
- TYPE II DIABETES
- CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE
- METABOLIC SYNDROME
- SOME CANCERS
- FALLS AND FRACTURES
- COGNITIVE DECLINE
- DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY



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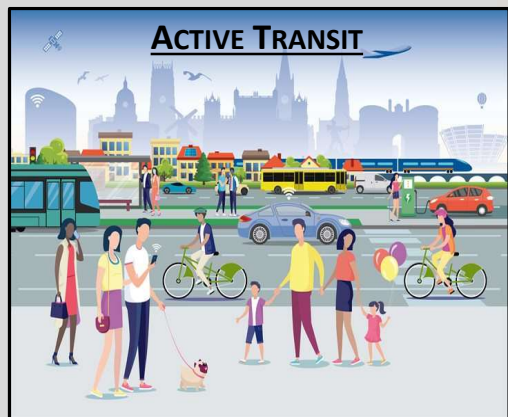
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**WEATHER**  
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**CRIME**  
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**TRAFFIC**  
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**POLLUTION**  
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## PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

**RECREATIONAL ACTIVITY**  
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**ACTIVE TRANSIT**  
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EXAMPLES: HOUSING, FOOD, INCOME, EDUCATION, CULTURE, HEALTH CARE

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# ACTIVE LIVING INEQUITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

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# BLUE SPACE INEQUITIES



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# HISTORY OF POOLS IN THE U.S. – BEFORE WWI

## ❑ FIRST PUBLIC POOLS

- Located in large northeastern cities
- Situated in poor urban slums

## ❑ WORKING CLASS

- Poor and immigrant resident
- Racially inclusive pools

## ❑ EARLY 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY

- Cities segregated pools by gender
- Swimmers self-segregated by class
- No race distinction during this time



Source: Wiltse J. 2010. Contested Waters: A Social History of Swimming Pools in America., Al Jazeera. 2019.  
At: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjC2Ucpr\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjC2Ucpr_E)

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# “JUST DON’T TOUCH THE WATER”

## ❑ BATHING POOL

- Served as a large bath for residents
- Swimmers often swam nude
- Before germ theory accepted



NEW YORK, NY, 1910

### BOSTON MAYOR JOSIAH QUINCY'S STUDY OF PHILADELPHIA'S POOLS

“I MUST SAY THAT SOME OF THE STREET GAMINS, **BOTH WHITE AND COLORED**, THAT I SAW, WERE **QUITE AS DIRTY** AS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR ONE TO CONCEIVE.”

– DANIEL KEARNS –  
SECRETARY OF BOSTON'S  
BATH COMMISSION (1898)



# HISTORY OF POOLS IN THE U.S. – AFTER WWI

- ❑ **NEW SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION**
  - Northerners redrew the social lines
  - Different classes swam together
  - Both genders swam together
- ❑ **COLOR OF WATER**
  - Pools now leisure destinations
  - Racially exclusive pools



Source: Al Jazeera. 2019. At: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjC2Ucpr\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zjC2Ucpr_E); NPR. 2007 At: <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=10407533>

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# WADE-INS AND SWIM-INS



Source: Vox. 2020. At: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wk0872XhnHk>

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# POOLS AS A TOOL FOR JUSTICE

## ❑ WADE-INS AND SWIM-INS

- In 1950s and 1960s, “Whites only” public pools were sites for civil rights protests
  - Before lunch counters, civil rights leaders targeted whites-only swimming pools

## ❑ DESEGREGATED, BUT CLOSED

- Towns closed all of their public pools rather than allow Black and White people together
  - White families left city for suburban homes and communities with private pools
  - Cities defunded their recreational facilities
  - Urban dwellers with no access to pools

1963 WADE-IN AT  
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI BEACH



1964 SWIM-IN AT  
ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA

Source: Cecelski D. 2018. At: <https://davidcecelski.com/2018/07/20/the-color-of-war-part-9-wade-ins-and-swim-ins/>; Wolcott V. 2019. At: <https://www.buffalo.edu/ubnow/stories/2019/07/wolcott-segregated-pools.html>

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**FINE! WE WILL GET OUR OWN POOL**

**PUBLIC SWIMMING POOL  
WHITE ONLY**

**SELMA, ALA.**

**14 JULY 31**

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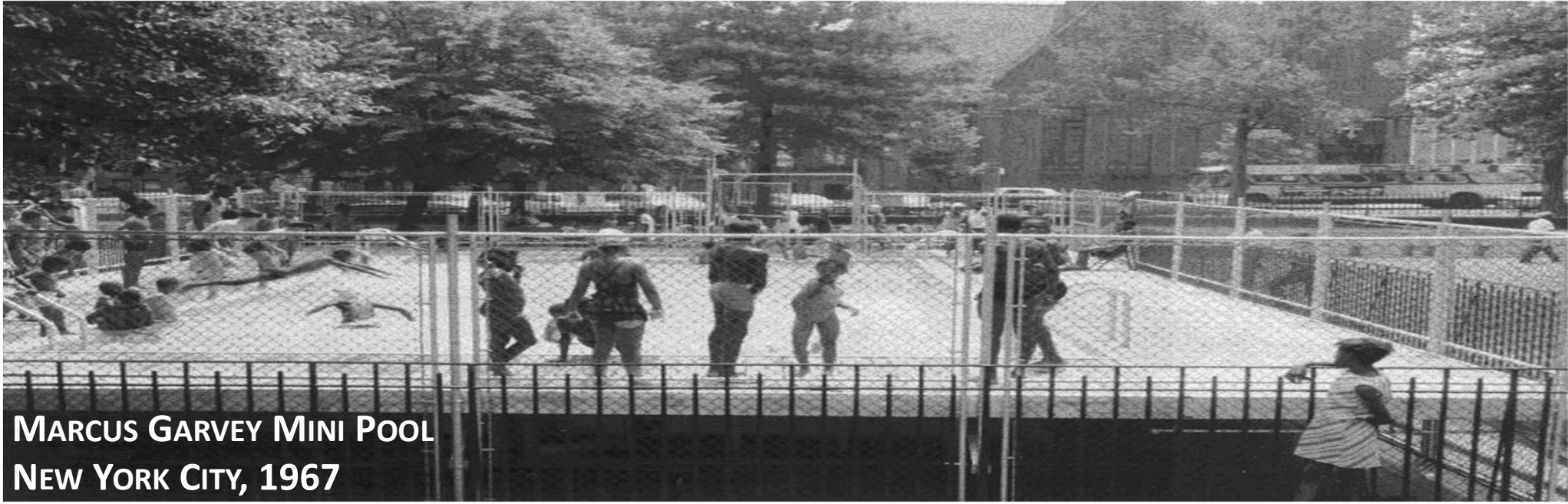
# “CONTESTED WATERS”

**J** DAILY  
JSTOR

BY LIVIA GERSHON  
JULY 21, 2019

## When Cities Closed Pools to Avoid Integration

MANY AMERICANS LACK NEARBY MUNICIPAL POOLS, THE LASTING RESULT OF  
EXTRALEGAL JIM CROW ERA EFFORTS TO KEEP RACES SEGREGATED AT ALL COSTS



MARCUS GARVEY MINI POOL  
NEW YORK CITY, 1967

Source: CPR. 2018. At: <https://www.ctpublic.org/arts-and-culture/2018-06-06/a-history-of-racial-disparity-in-american-public-swimming-pools> ; JSTOR. 2019. At: <https://daily.istor.org/when-cities-closed-pools-to-avoid-integration/>

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# SWIMMING WHILE BLACK

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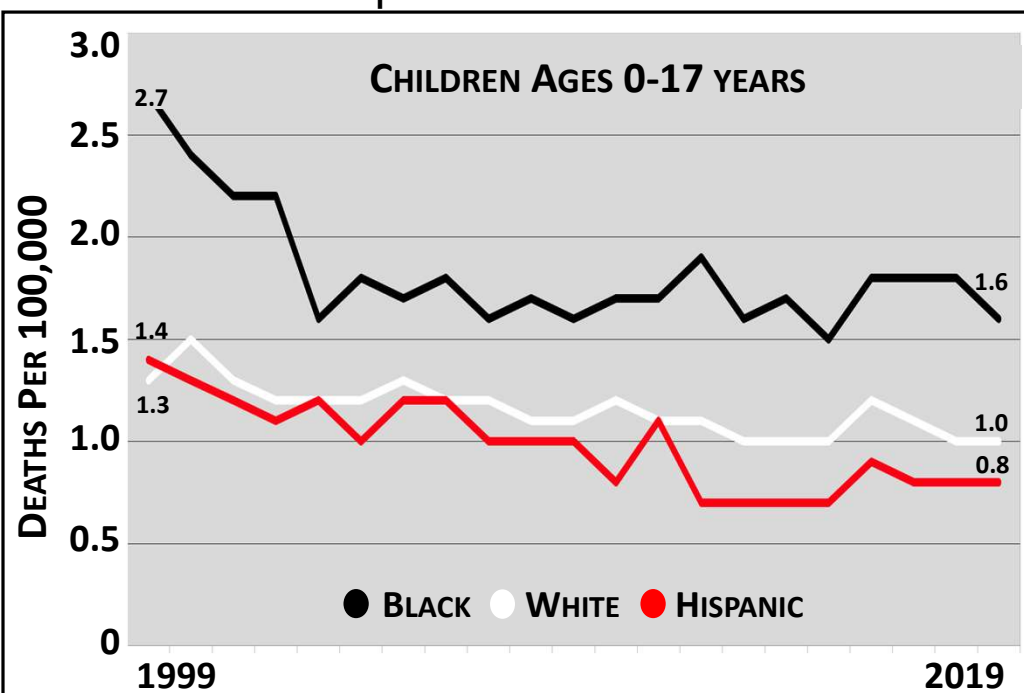


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# A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

## ❑ BLACK KIDS DROWNING

- Black children 60% more likely to drown compared to White children



**U.S. News** & WORLD REPORT

BY CHELSEA CIRRUZZO

JULY 15, 2021

## Child Drowning Deaths Decline, but Disparities Remain

**BLACK CHILDREN STILL DIE AT A HIGHER RATE THAN WHITE AND HISPANIC CHILDREN**



Source: US News. 2021. At: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-07-15/drowning-deaths-among-children-drop-but-disparities-remain>; CDC. 2021. At: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/databriefs/db413-H.pdf>

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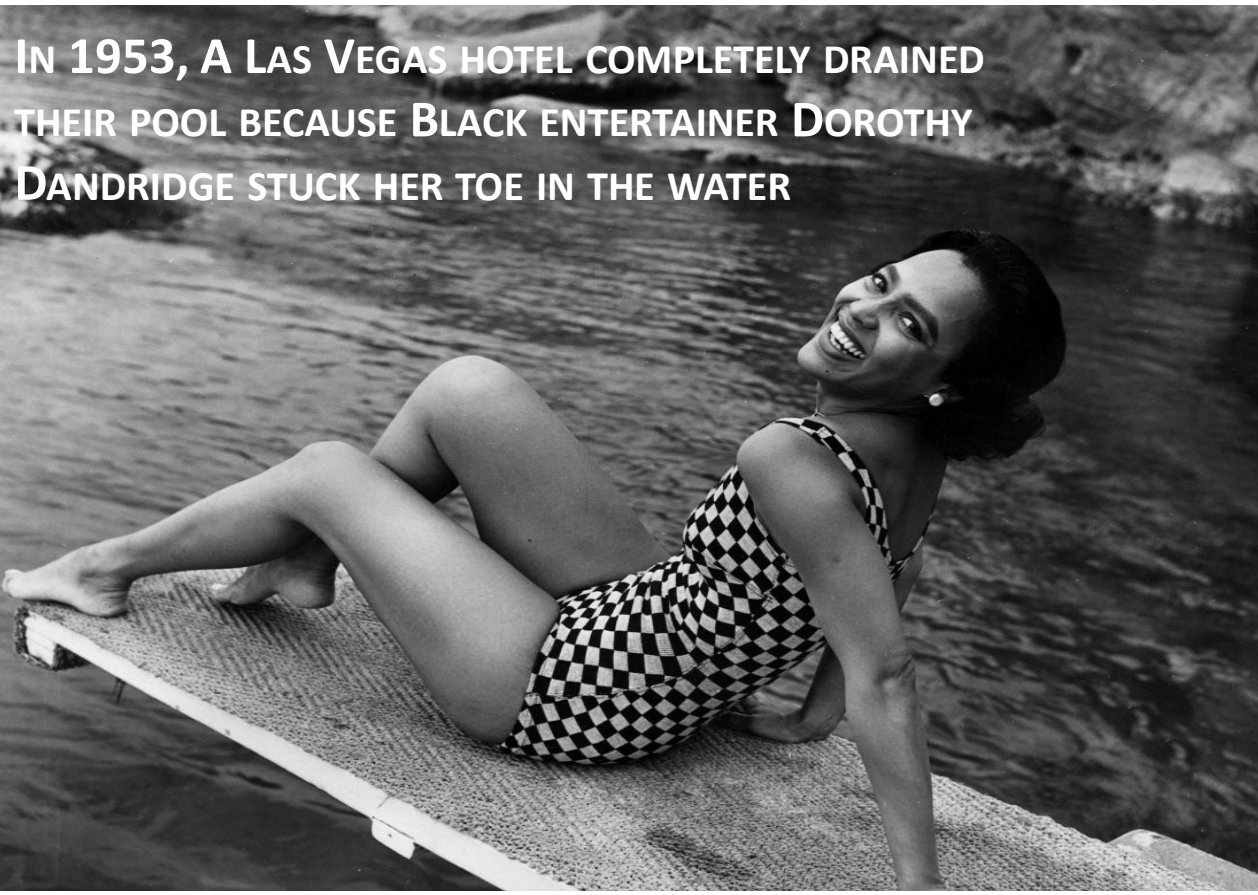


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# 'SWIMMING WHILE BLACK'....STILL AN ISSUE TODAY

IN 1953, A LAS VEGAS HOTEL COMPLETELY DRAINED THEIR POOL BECAUSE BLACK ENTERTAINER DOROTHY DANDRIDGE STUCK HER TOE IN THE WATER



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# BLUE SPACE RACISM

- ❑ **RACISM PERSISTING TODAY**
  - Recent highly publicized incidents of racism
- ❑ **UNDEVELOPED SKILL**
  - African Americans compared to White people are less likely to know how to swim
- ❑ **ANXIETY AND FEAR**
  - Pool represents an unsafe place for many African Americans, historically and currently



BY ALISHA EBRAHIMJI

JULY 1, 2020

## Hotel employee calls police on Black family using the pool as guests



NEWS BY ISOKE SAMUEL

JULY 31, 2020

## Black family kicked out of historically Black pool, highlighting lasting impact of segregation

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# GREEN SPACE INEQUITIES



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# EMANCIPATED, BUT NOT FREE

## ❑ RECONSTRUCTION AND BEYOND

- Black Codes
  - Laws denying African Americans legal equality or political rights; ensure cheap labor
- Sharecropping System
  - Instead of receiving wages for working an owner's land, rent land for a fixed payment



## ❑ THE JIM CROW SOUTH

- Legalized Racial Segregation
- “Strange Fruit”
  - Between 1877 and 1950, over 4,000 lynchings of African Americans



Source: History. At <https://www.history.com/topics/black-history/sharecropping>; [https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/jim-crow-laws#section\\_11](https://www.history.com/topics/early-20th-century-us/jim-crow-laws#section_11); EJI. (2017). Lynching in America. At: <https://eji.org/wp-content/uploads/2005/11/lynching-in-america-3d-ed-110121.pdf>

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# “THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS”

## ❑ THE GREAT MIGRATION

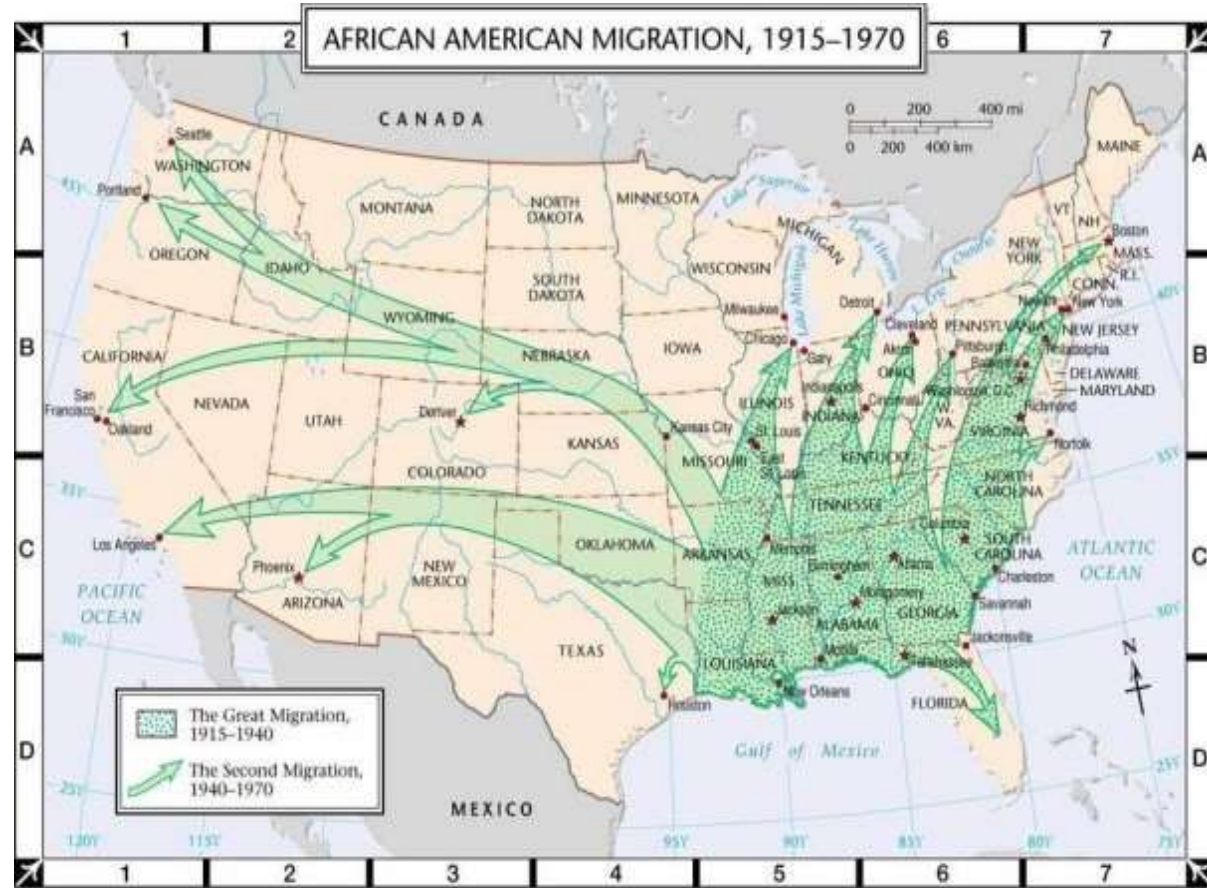
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- Second Migration – 1940-1970

## ❑ MIGRANTS BY CHOICE

- Physical Mobility
- Upward Mobility



Source: US Census. (2012). The Great Migration. At: <https://www.census.gov/dataviz/visualizations/020/>;  
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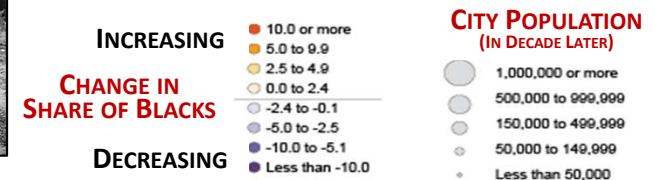
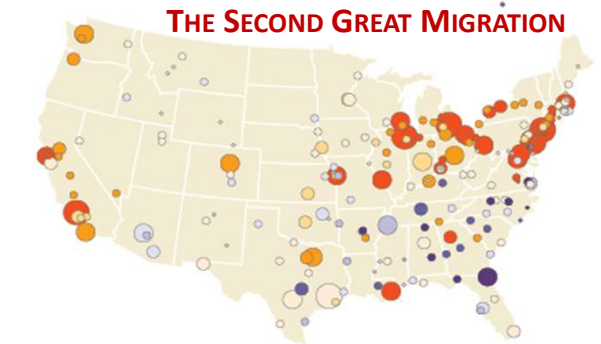
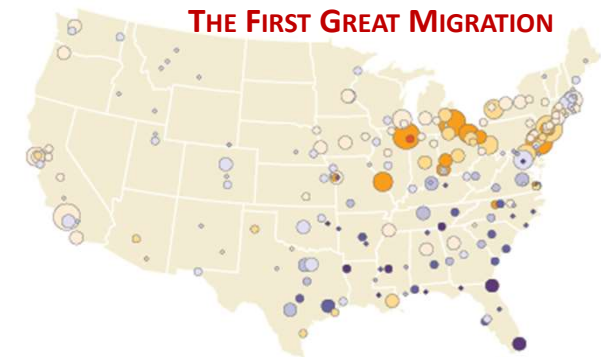
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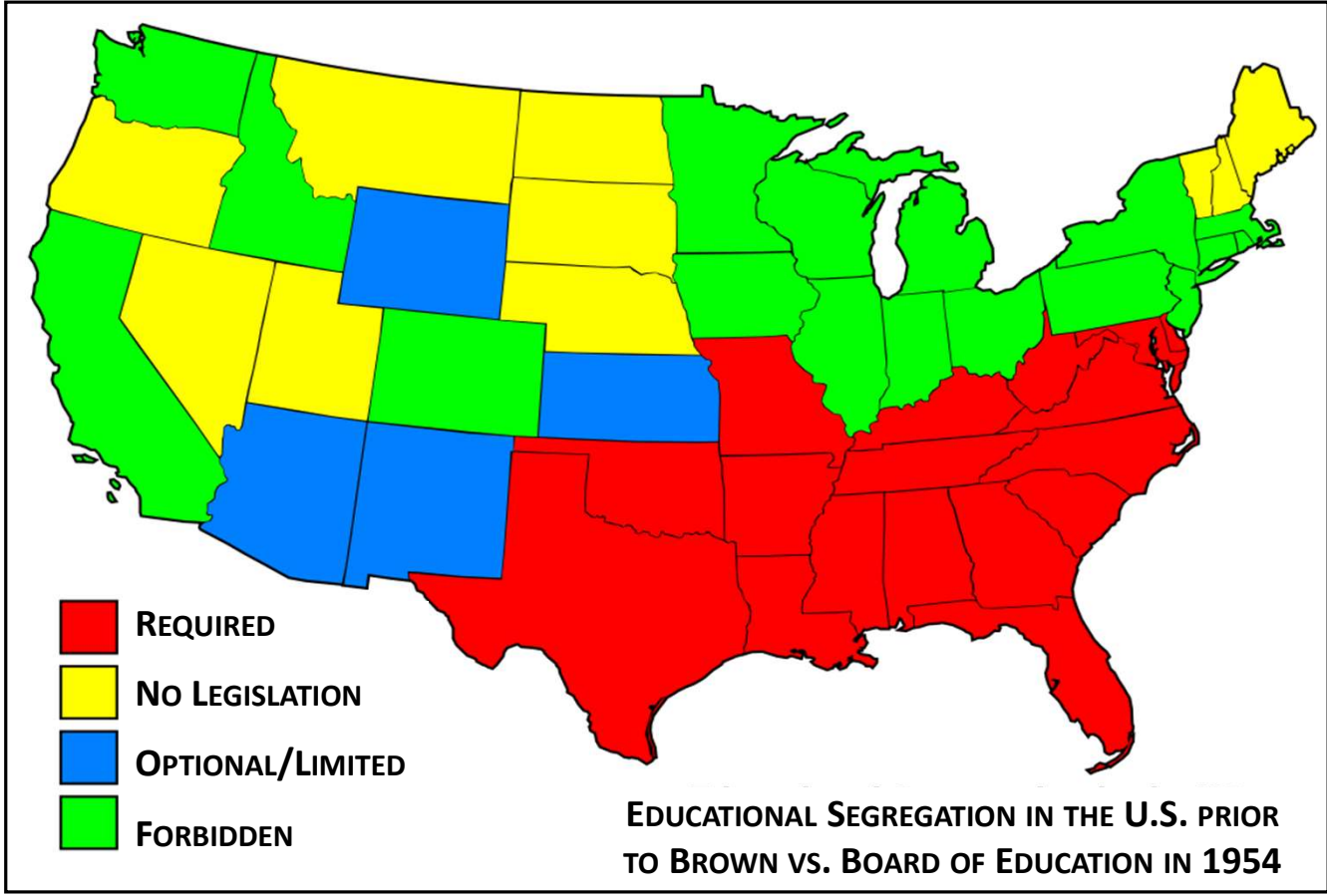
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# LEGALIZED SEGREGATION IN THE U.S.



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# SUBURBANIZATION IN AMERICA



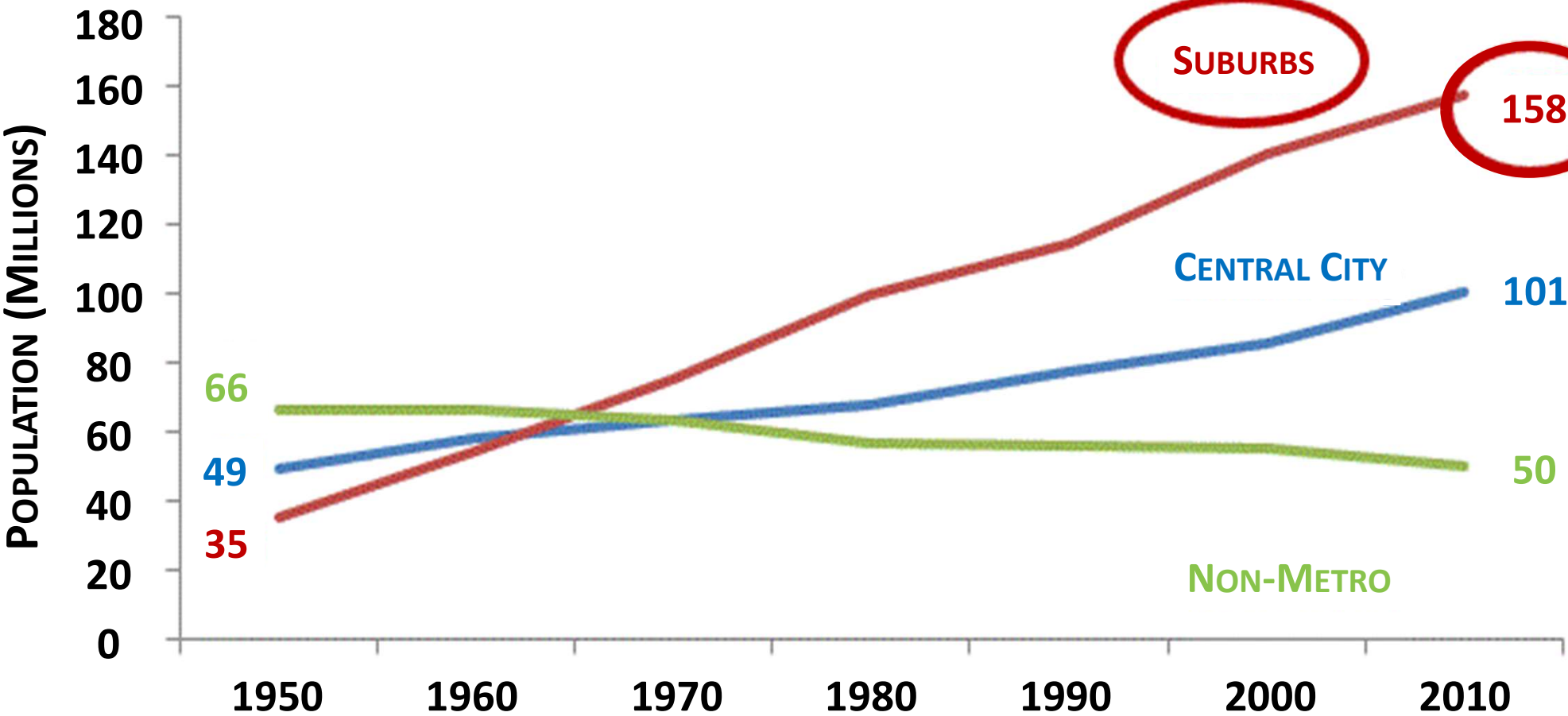
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# AMERICAN SUBURBANIZATION



Source: The Fuse. At: <http://energyfuse.org/fuel-implications-of-suburb-to-suburb-commuting/>

# U.S. SUBURBANIZATION: GI BILL

The end of WWII led to an era of wealth & spending in the 1950s:

The war stimulated the economy & ended the Great Depression

High wages, service pay for soldiers, & war bond investments gave Americans money to spend

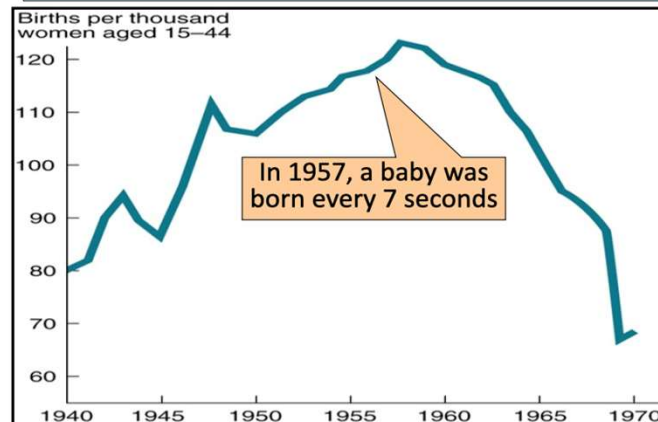


Americans produced a "baby boom" in the 1950s, leading to the largest generation in U.S. history

The return of soldiers from war led to an increase in marriages & a rise in the birthrate



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The GI Bill of Rights offered returning soldiers cheap loans for new homes & tuition for college



Consumerism returned in the 1950s because for the 1st time since the 1920s Americans had money and access to consumer goods

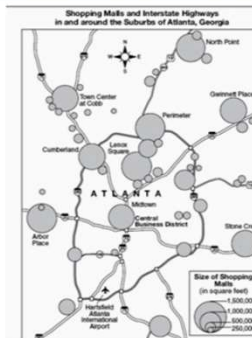
People rushed to buy new goods like cars, TVs & hi-fi record players



Suburbs changed American life

Suburbs increased America's need for cars & highways

Churches, schools, grocery stores, & shopping centers were built to service the suburbs



# U.S. SUBURBANIZATION: AUTOMANIA

In the 1950s, Americans bought cars in record numbers



The Ford Fairlane Victoria is one of six beautifully decorated Fairlane models. Like all 1955 Fords, its styling is inspired by the Thunderbird, America's only on-the-road dream car.

The Ford Custom Ranch Wagon is one of five station wagon models. Whether you prefer two doors or four . . . six passengers or eight . . . there's a Ford wagon for you.

America's "worth more" car . . . **FORD**



AMERICANS WERE MORE MOBILE, TOOK LONG-DISTANCE VACATIONS, AND LIVED FURTHER FROM THEIR JOBS

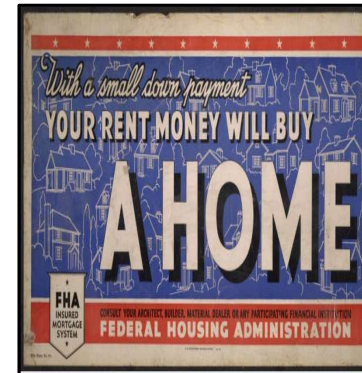


CARS LED TO DRIVE-THRU RESTAURANTS

# U.S. SUBURBANIZATION: U.S. GOVERNMENT'S ROLE

## HOME MORTGAGES

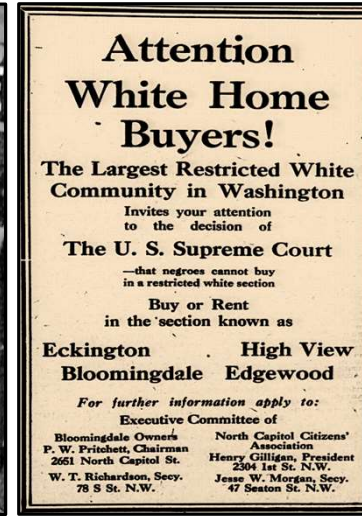
- Government agreed to under-write mortgages for suburban single family homes
  - Encouraging transfer of the White middle-class population out of inner city and into the suburbs



## RESIDENTIAL SEGREGATION

- Racist Housing and Land Use

- Redlining
- Blockbusting
- Covenants
- Zoning



Source: Rutgers. At: <https://crab.rutgers.edu/~glasker/FHADMIN.htm>

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# “STATE SPONSORED SYSTEM OF SEGREGATION”

## ❑ REDLINING

- Home Owners Loan Corporation
  - Government sponsored corporation created under the New Deal in 1933
  - Created ‘Residential Security Maps’ that rated mortgage risk in American neighborhoods
    - Maps were color coded by mortgage risk level and used by other federal administrations
    - Anywhere African Americans lived or near were colored red to indicate high mortgage risk

**REDLINING LIMITED AFRICAN AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP AND SOLIDIFIED RACIAL HOUSING SEGREGATION AND WEALTH INEQUITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND ACROSS GENERATIONS.**



Source: Roberts, J., Dickinson, K., Hendricks, M. et al. (2022). “I Can’t Breathe”: Examining the Legacy of American Racism on Determinants of Health and the Ongoing Pursuit of Environmental Justice. *Curr Envir Health Rpt* 9, 211–227.

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# U.S. SUBURBANIZATION: HIGHWAYS

## ❑ HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

- “the greatest single element in the cure of city ills”
- 1944 and 1956 Federal Highway Acts
  - Initially covered 50% of construction costs and by 1956 covered 90%

## ❑ URBAN RENEWAL

- “using highways to “redeem” urban areas”
  - Build highways and get rid of “slums”
  - Displaced and decimated close-knit African American communities throughout the U.S.
    - Many residents lost fully paid homes



“THEY WERE TEARING DOWN HIS HOUSE, BECAUSE SAN FRANCISCO IS ENGAGING — AS MOST **NORTHERN CITIES** NOW ARE ENGAGED — IN SOMETHING CALLED **URBAN RENEWAL**, WHICH MEANS MOVING THE NEGROES OUT. IT MEANS **NEGRO REMOVAL**, THAT IS WHAT IT MEANS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AN ACCOMPLICE TO THIS FACT.”

— JAMES BALDWIN (1963) —

Source: The Atlantic. At: <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/03/role-of-highways-in-american-poverty/474282/>;  
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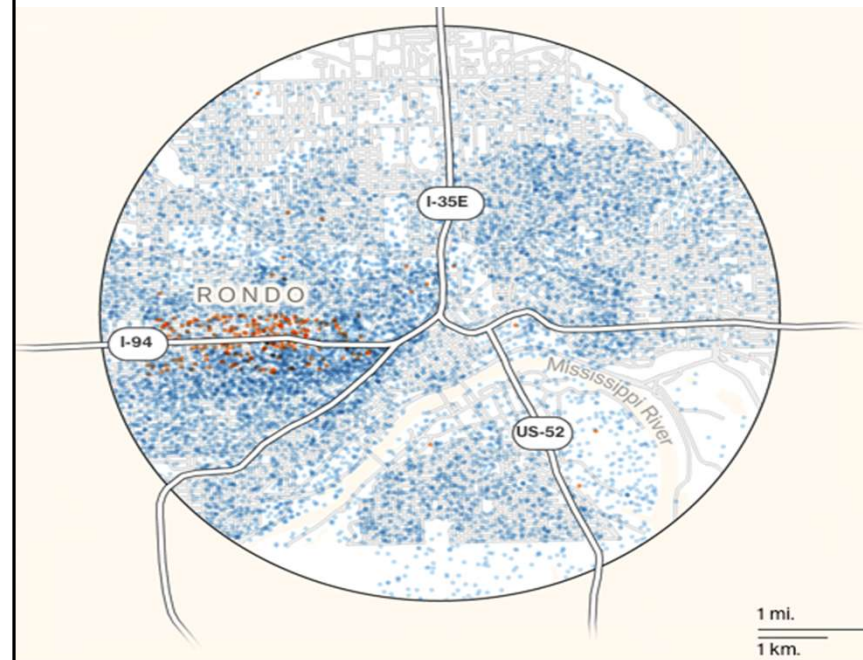


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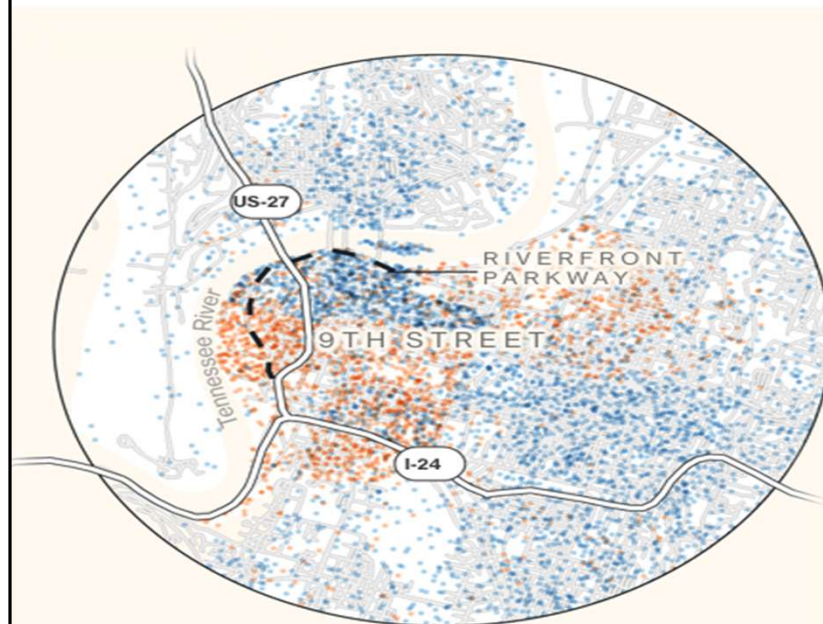


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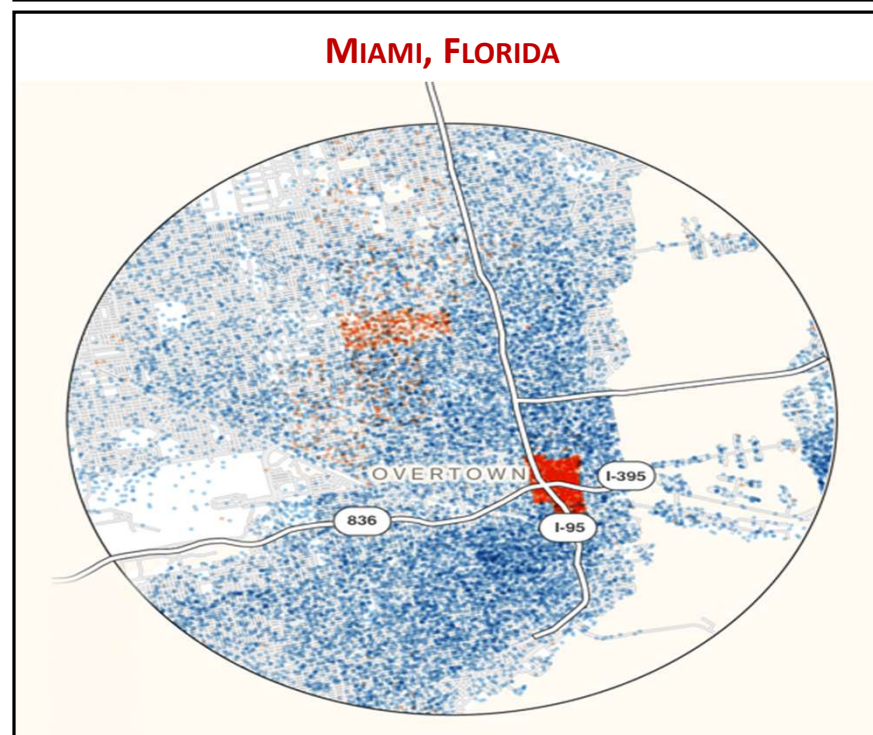
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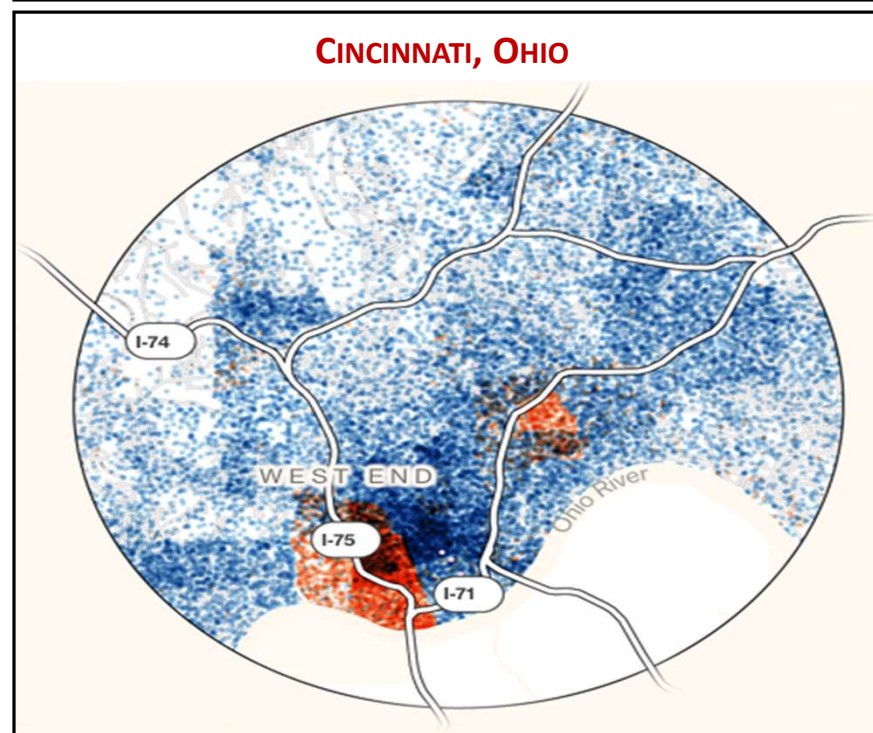
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# PULVERIZED PARKS AND PARKWAYS

## ☐ HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

- “the greatest single element in the cure of city ills”
- 1944 Federal Highway Act
  - Initially covered 50% of construction costs and by 1956 covered 90%

## ☐ URBAN RENEWAL

- “using highways to “redeem” urban areas”
  - Build highways and get rid of “slums”
  - Displaced and decimated close-knit African American communities throughout the U.S.

➤ Many residents lost fully paid homes

HUMBOLDT PARKWAY, BUFFALO, NY – 1912



KENSINGTON EXPRESSWAY, BUFFALO, NY – PRESENT DAY



Source: The Atlantic. 2016. At: <https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/03/role-of-highways-in-american-poverty/474282/>; Buffalo Spree. 2015. At: [https://www.buffalospree.com/wny\\_life/developing-bringing-back-an-olmsted-parkway/article\\_9172a1cb-6f46-58de-b24d-572845257249.html](https://www.buffalospree.com/wny_life/developing-bringing-back-an-olmsted-parkway/article_9172a1cb-6f46-58de-b24d-572845257249.html)

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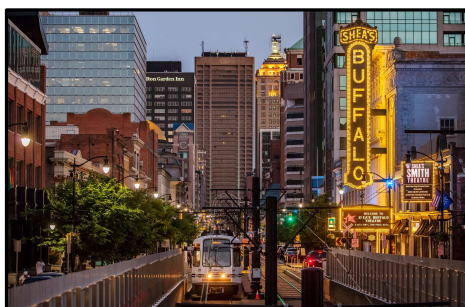
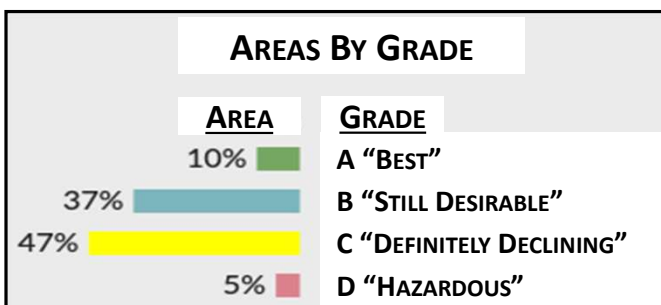
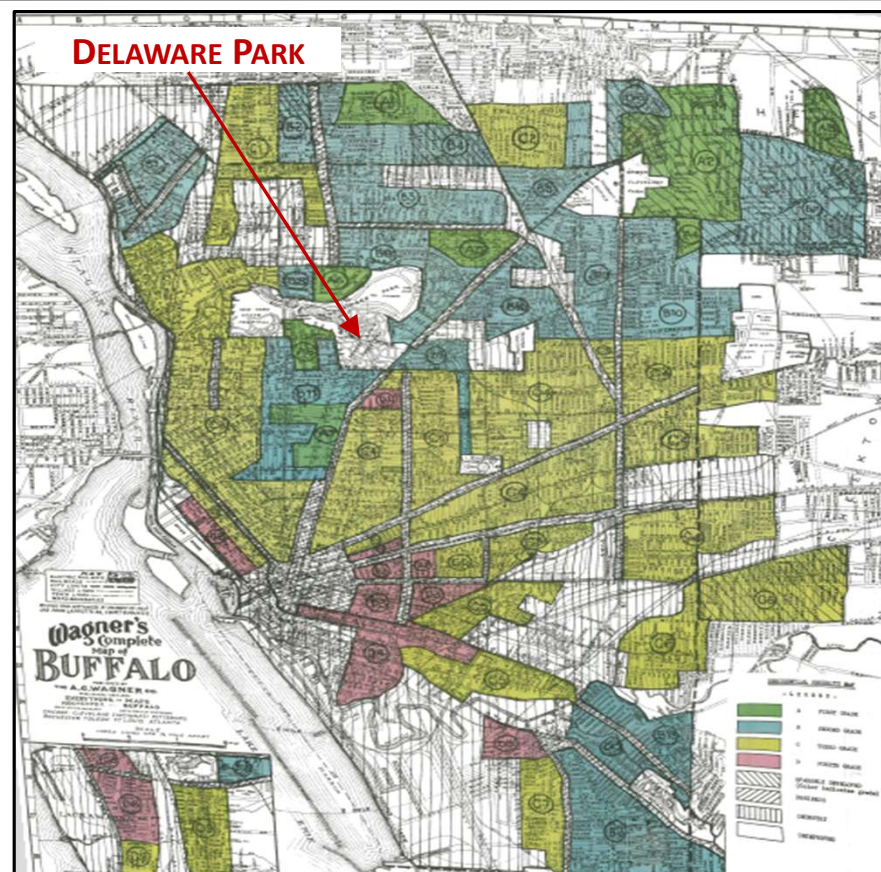


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# RESIDENTIAL INEQUITY = NATURE INEQUITY

## ❑ RACISM AND CITY PLANNING

- More communities of color live in “nature deprived” areas
- Historical racism in housing practices, city planning, and institutions shaped this pattern
- Cities invested in improving “A” neighborhoods and neglected redlined areas
  - Planting trees, building and beautifying parks



Source: CAP. At: <https://www.americanprogress.org/issues/green/reports/2020/07/21/487787/the-nature-gap/>

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# NATURE INEQUITY = ACTIVE LIVING INEQUITY



## How 'nature deprived' neighborhoods impact the health of people of color

Green spaces make people healthier and happier, but decades of systemic racism have left many people of color living in areas without access to nature.

BY ALEJANDRA BORUNDA

JULY 29, 2020



The New York Times

OPINION

## Since When Have Trees Existed Only for Rich Americans?

Across the nation, the wealthier and whiter your neighborhood is, the greener the view from your window is likely to be. This map shows a healthy tree canopy in Philadelphia, based on analysis by [EarthDefine](#).

BY IAN LEAHY AND YARYNA SERKEZ

JUNE 30, 2021



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# “WE’RE NOT SUPPOSED TO BE OVER THERE”

## ❑ REPEATED PATTERNS

- Nicest parks tend to be in the wealthiest, Whitest neighborhoods

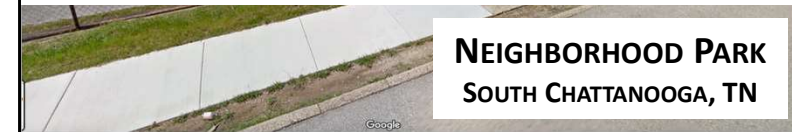
## ❑ ONE EXAMPLE OF MANY

- Neighborhood Park
  - Raquetta lives next to a small neighborhood shoehorn park
    - 95% African American residents
- Coolidge Park
  - Four miles from Raquetta is a waterfront park with walking paths
    - 75-97% White residents



“IT DRAWS A HARD LINE, LIKE WE’RE NOT SUPPOSE TO BE OVER THERE BECAUSE THEY DIDN’T DESIGN THAT FOR US IN THE FIRST PLACE. YOU START TO ASK, IS THIS INTENTIONAL...WHY THERE WAS MORE INVESTMENT INTO THAT PARTICULAR PLACE THAN OUR AREA?”

– RAQUETTA DOTLEY (2020) –



Source: USA News. At: <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2020/08/22/covid-outbreak-park-access-barrier-black-latino-communities/3291907001/>

# NATURE INEQUITY = HEALTH INEQUITY

*The New York Times*

## How Decades of Racist Housing Policy Left Neighborhoods Sweltering

BY BRAD PLUMER AND NADJA POPOVICH

PHOTOGRAPHS BY BRIAN PALMER

AUGUST 24, 2020

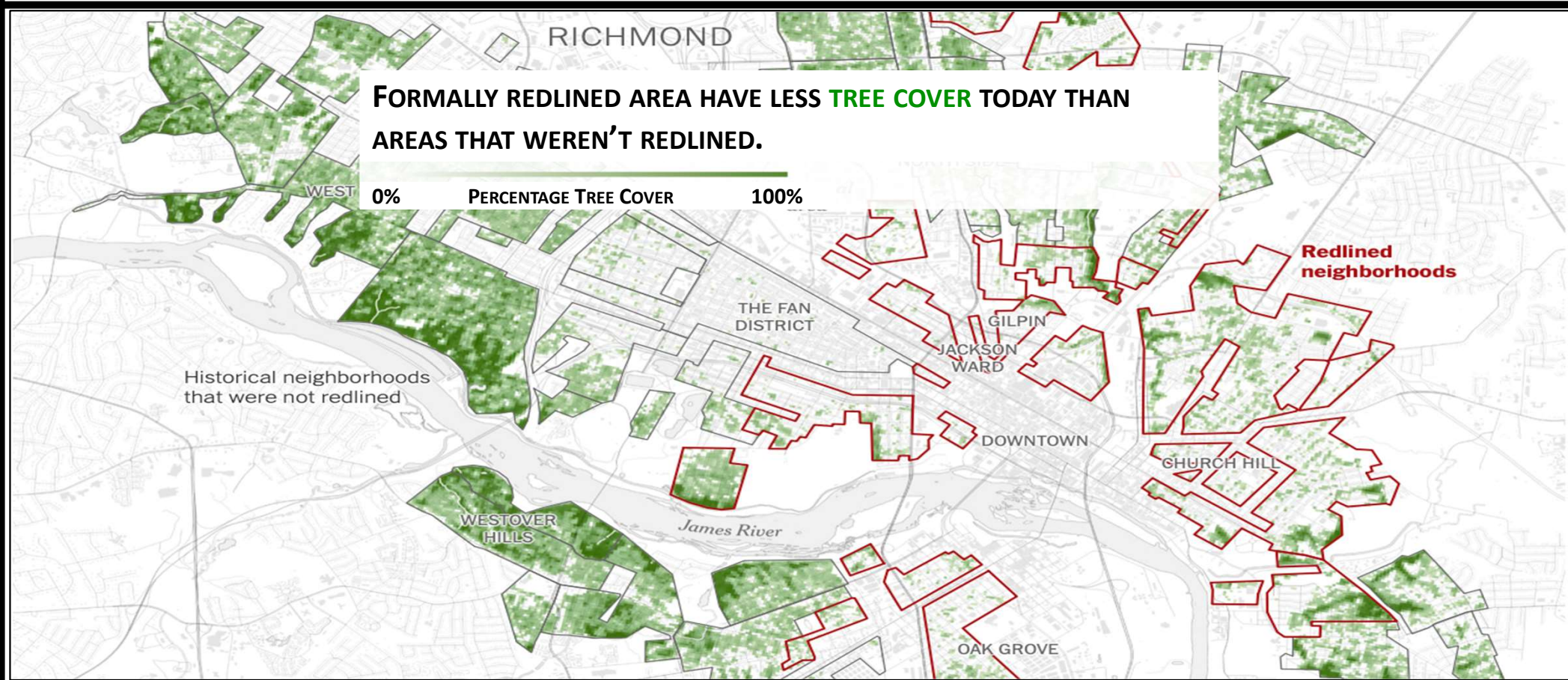
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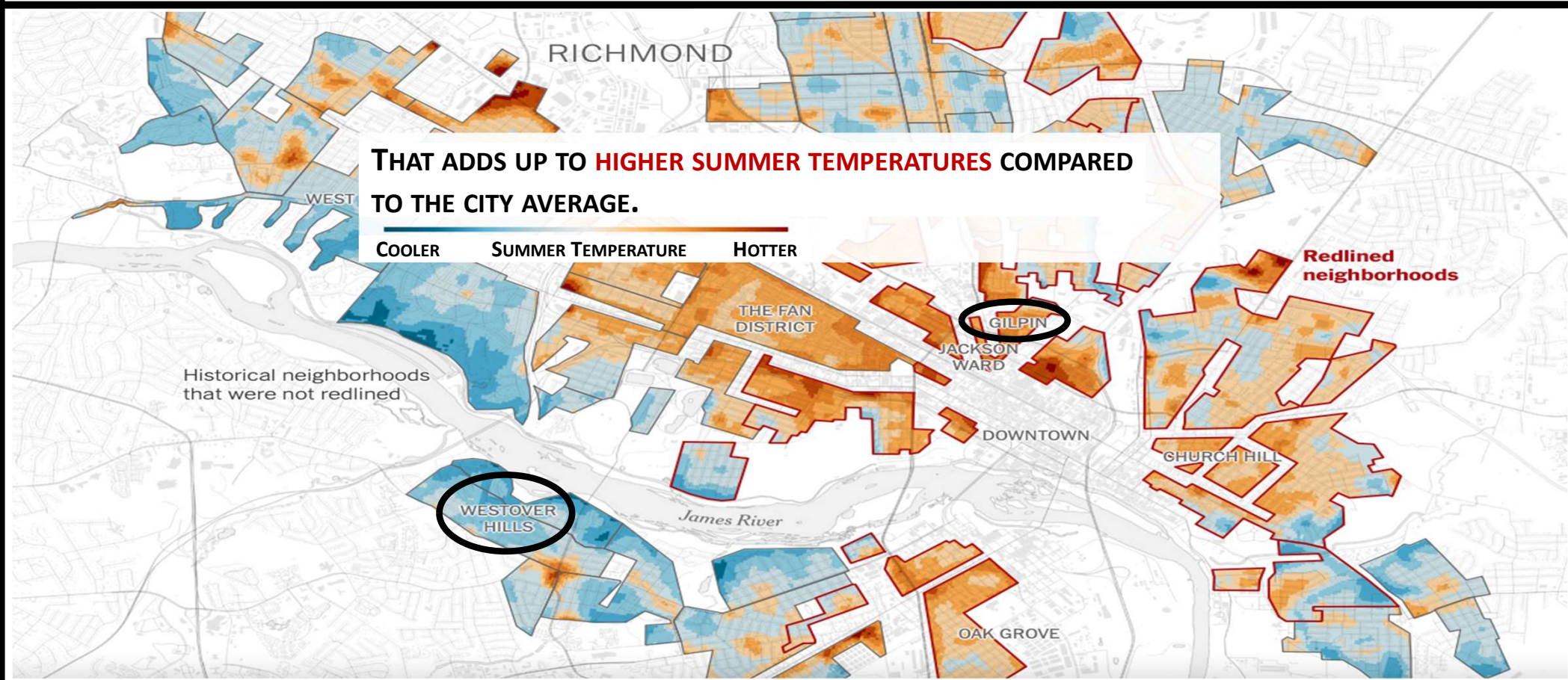


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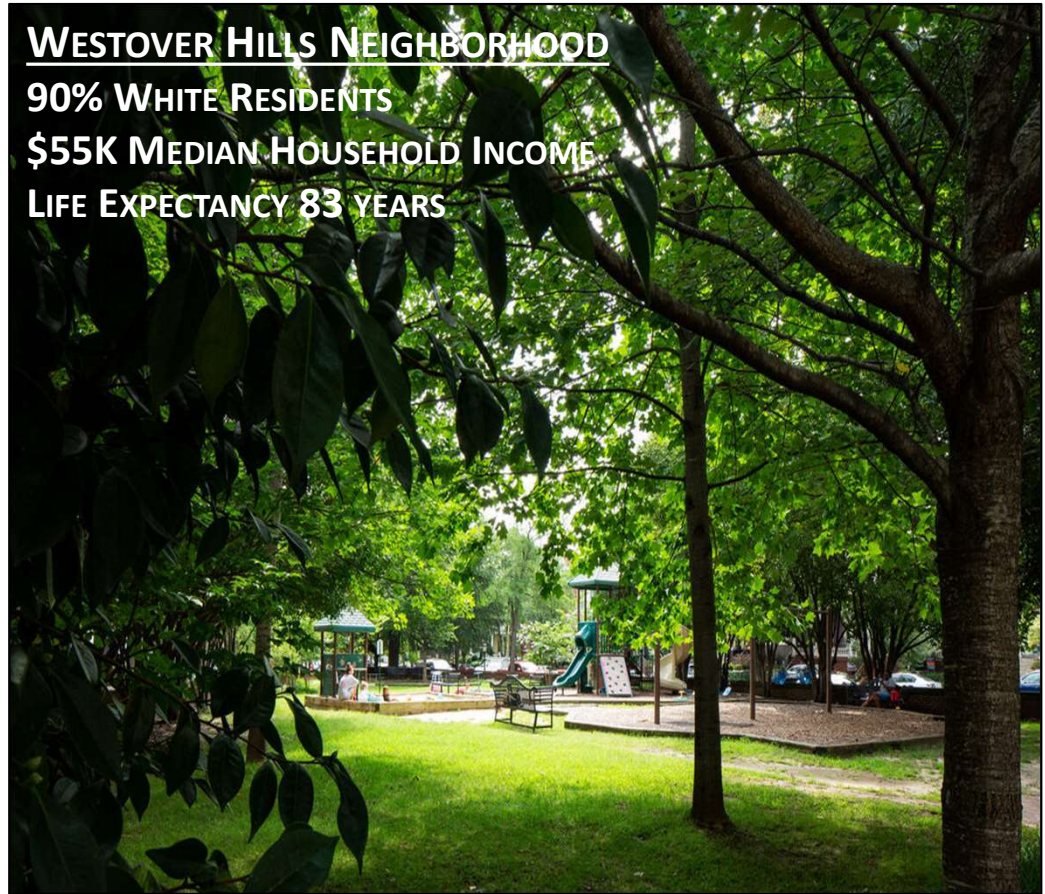
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LIFE EXPECTANCY 63 YEARS



“TODAY, GILPIN’S COMMUNITY POOL SITS EMPTY, UNFIXED BY THE CITY FOR YEARS.”

**WESTOVER HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD**  
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# SOCIAL SPACE INEQUITIES



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## Los Angeles Times

BY: ALENE TCHEKMEDIYAN, BEN POSTON, JULIA BARAJAS

NOVEMBER 4, 2021

## L.A. sheriff's deputies use minor stops to search bicyclists, with Latinos hit hardest



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**Chicago Tribune**

MARCH 17, 2017

'Biking while black': Chicago minority areas see the most bike tickets

BY: MARY WISNIEWSKI  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE



**RUNNER'S WORLD RUNNING TIMES**

Black Men Less Likely to Run in White Neighborhoods

SOCIOLOGIST SURVEY SOUGHT TO UNDERSTAND RACIAL DISPARITY AMONG ACTIVITY

OCTOBER 2, 2013

**BLACK MAN RUNNING and IT AIN'T FRY the POLIC**

Recent research by sociologist Rashawn Ray, Ph.D., an assistant professor at the University of Maryland, found that black men are less likely to run outside if they live in a predominantly white neighborhood. The opposite, however, was true for black women. They were more likely to be active in predominately white communities.

Ray surveyed 500 college-educated African-Americans living in urban and suburban areas across the United States in 2011 to explore why middle-class blacks were less physically active than their Caucasian peers.

Jacksonville.com/events | Looking for something to do this weekend? Our online calendar can help.

**The Florida Times-Union** Sunday, October 13, 2013

**WALKING WHILE BLACK**  
Jacksonville's enforcement of pedestrian violations raises concerns

A Times-Union/ProPublica Investigation

TOP TRAIN LOVERS LOOK TO GLOOMY FUTURE: THERE IS NO NEXT GENERATION

VETS LEARN NEW SKILLS AT DOG TAG INC.

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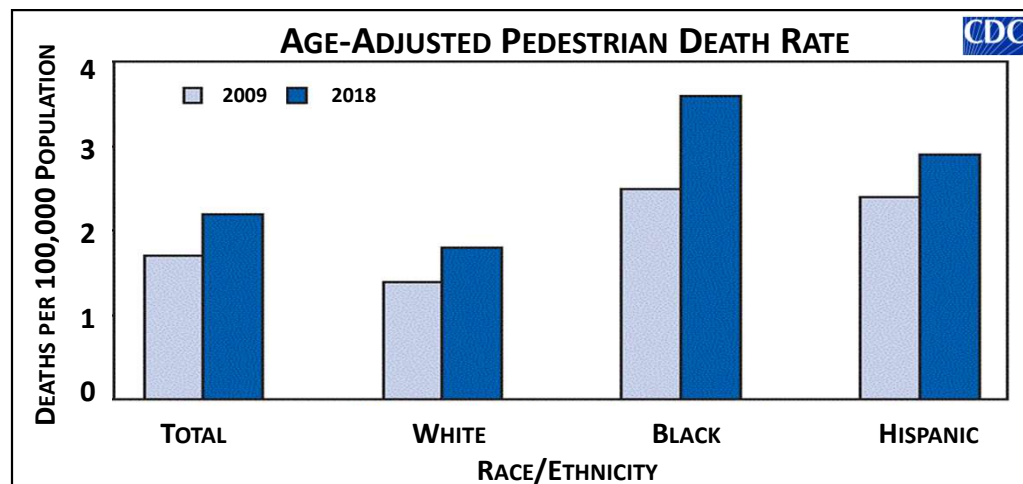
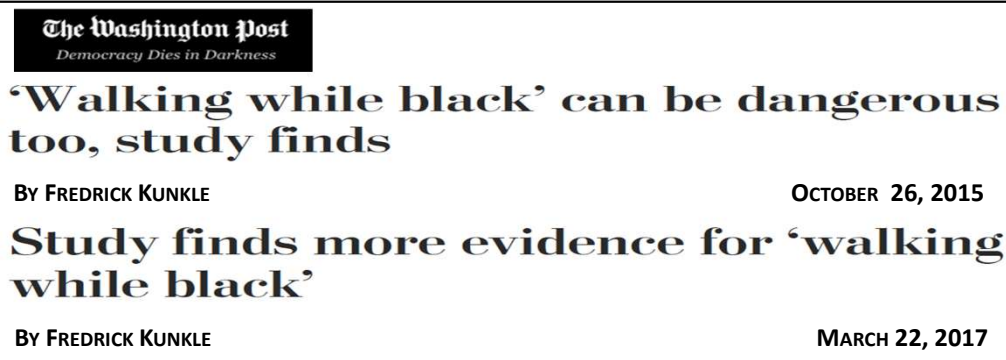
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# MOVING WHILE BLACK AND BROWN

## □ SAFETY AND PERCEPTION

### – Research Findings

- Overall, pedestrian deaths increased
  - 1.7/100K in 2009 to 2.2/100K in 2018
- Drivers less likely to brake for Black American pedestrians
  - More cars passed through crosswalk with Black American pedestrian compared to the White pedestrian
- Compared to White (1.8) pedestrians, the age-adjusted pedestrian death rate
  - Double for Black Americans (3.6)
  - One and half greater for Hispanics (2.9)



Source: Goddard. 2014. At: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15760/trec.130>; Coughenour. 2017. At: [doi.org/10.1016/j.aap.2016.09.031](http://doi.org/10.1016/j.aap.2016.09.031); CDC. 2020. At: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6939a7.htm>

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# IT'S PERSONAL FOR ME: MY FIRST COUSIN

CRIME

## UH nurse fighting for her life after being struck by suspected drag racer in Cleveland

Cuyahoga County Crime Stoppers offering \$2,500 reward for information leading to arrest of hit-and-run driver



No arrests in Cleveland hit-skip that left a young woman in a coma

By: VICTOR WILLIAMS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

CLEVELAND, Ohio (WOIO) - The fight for survival continues for Ayana Barkley, a nurse who fell victim to a hit-and-run driver on Miles Avenue Saturday night.

The victim survived the accident, but has been in the ICU ever since.

19 News has been told by Ayana's father that her condition is only getting worse.

## 'She is fighting for her life': 26-year-old woman in coma after getting run over by driver in Cleveland

SEPTEMBER 29, 2019



Cleveland police confirmed Barkley was at Poochie's Deli at 11921 Miles Ave., and was crossing from north to south when she was struck by a westbound vehicle. The vehicle did not stop at the scene and continued west on Miles Avenue.

His daughter recently accepted a job as a trauma nurse at a local hospital, but her father fears those dreams may never come to fruition.

"She's trying to be a nurse and trying to help other people," Barkley said, "And then she herself is now fighting for her life."

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# “MY ONLY SIN IS MY SKIN”

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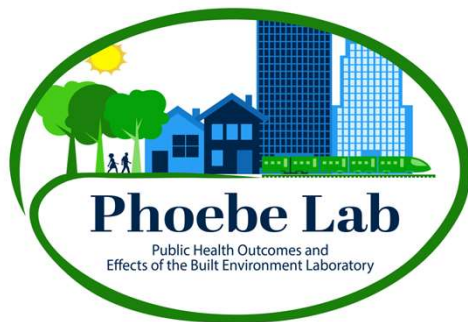


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