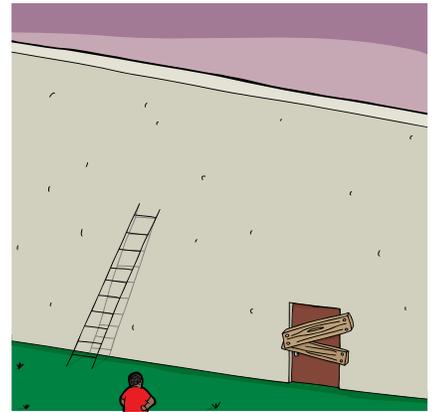


Systemic Racism: An Overview

What Exactly Is Systemic Racism?

“Racism is not a feeling or emotion. It is a way of thinking, creating, and implementing policies and laws that provide privileges to whites that are nonexistent to minorities. Racism exists on an individual level but more importantly, racism exists in the institutions and structures of our society.” —*Dr. Angela Davis*



“Racism is a visceral experience . . . the sociology, the history, the economics, the graphs, the charts, the regressions all land, with great violence, upon the body.” —*Ta-nehisi Coates*

An infographic titled "INEQUITABLE SYSTEMS" with four circular callouts: Economic (dollar sign), Education (stack of books), Voting Rights (American flag), and Criminal Justice (police officer). A large donut chart shows 75% in red. A callout box explains that 75% of communities near harmful landfill sites are predominantly Black due to historic redlining and residential segregation practices. A button with a magnifying glass icon is at the bottom right.

Economic: White slaveholders extracted more than \$14 trillion worth of labor, in today's dollars, from their captives—resulting in an inequitable wealth gap. —*Center for American Progress*

Education: Lower income brackets in Black and brown neighborhoods lead to lower tax benefits for school systems, which base school funding on local taxation. —*U.S. News & World Report*

Voting Rights: An estimated 1 in 16 Black Americans does not have the right to vote due to past convictions—4 times the rate of other Americans. —*The Sentencing Project*

Criminal Justice: In 12 states, more than half of the prison population is Black; in 7 states the black/white prisoner disparity is larger than 9 to 1. —*The Sentencing Project*

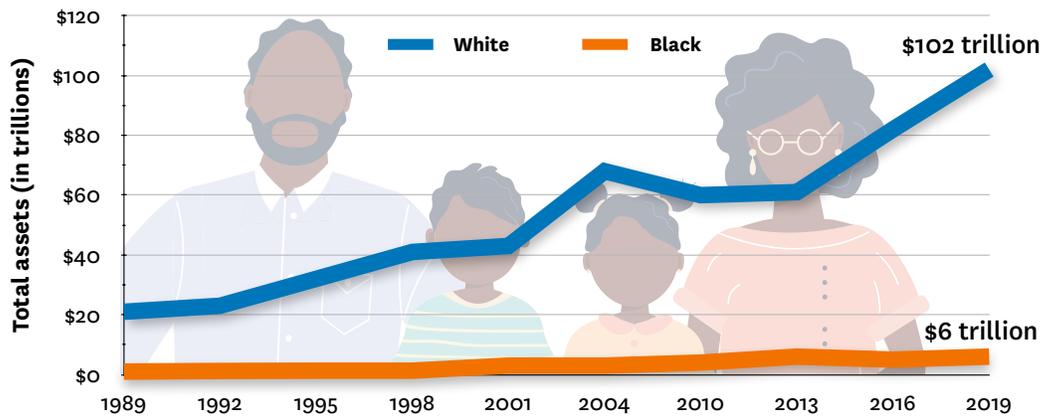
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Percentage of communities near harmful landfill sites that are predominantly Black as a result of historic redlining and residential segregation practices.

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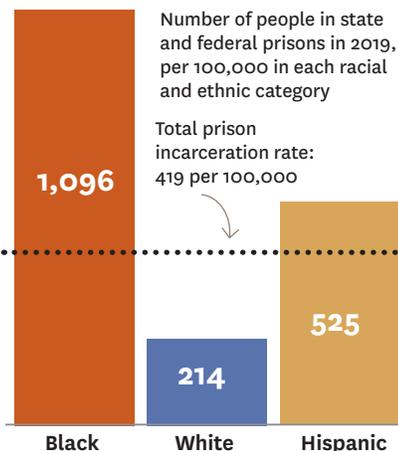
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Household Wealth of Black and White Americans (1989-2019)



Source: Federal Reserve Distributional Financial Accounts

Prison Incarceration Rates



Source: Bureau of Justice Statistics; Prisoners in 2019

Systemic racism is the ultimate societal antagonist for characters of all backgrounds. To be an anti-racist is to fight one of the biggest antagonists in society. Each character must choose to either dismantle systemic racism or uplift it.

How TV Stories Can Help

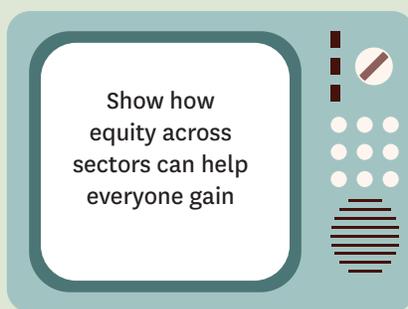
Highlighting the ways characters address systemic racism in different settings, places of employment, and daily interactions is a good place to start. In addition to revealing the problem, show collective solutions to illustrate a way out.

Click or tap button to learn about TV's misleading depictions of equality.

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