

THE IMPACT OF SOCIAL JUSTICE IN OUR COMMUNITY TODAY

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GANG VIOLENCE

- In the wake of the Black Power movement arose the era of inner-city gangs. These violent groups helped fill a leadership void among a disposed people. Today, criminal gang have spread throughout the country and into the prisons.

POVERTY

- One of the central goals of the Civil Rights Movement was Black economic empowerment.
- Nevertheless, millions of African Americans still live mired in poverty, susceptible to poor living conditions in undeserved inner-cities.

VOTING RIGHTS

- The 2000 election in Florida highlighted the belief that African Americans still face problems voting, despite the 1965 Voting Rights Act, which now has been eradicated.
- Numerous claim of being asked for identification, and now with new state laws requiring voter identification, confused with convicted felons, and other discrepancies led to calls for reform.

EDUCATION

- In the 1960s, affirmative action had largely equalized college attendance among African American and others. Since then, attacks on this policy, which provided some minorities with preference in admissions, has eviscerated these gains in certain states.

SINGLE PARENT HOUSEHOLDS

- Today, with African American males disproportionately incarcerated, many single women face the burden of raising children alone.

UNEMPLOYMENT

- The African American unemployment rate generally doubles that of the population, demonstrating pronounced difficulties providing for families and accumulating wealth.

POLICE BRUTALITY

- A slew of profile, questionable deaths involving police have led to a "Black Lives Matter" movement, the criminal indictment of some officers and urban riots.

SYSTEMIC RACISM

- Looming large over all problems in the African America community is systemic racism.
- First enunciated in detail by political scientist Charles Hamilton and activist Stokely Carmichael, this term refers to the whole edifice of institutions, public and private, that make life in the country harsh for many minorities.
- Systemic racism differs from personal prejudice in that it remains imperceptible to many.

