Unpacking Race, Wealth, and Individual Power

22 Things You Can Watch, Listen or Read.

This toolkit contains content from a variety of sources which, taken together, have been helpful to us in exploring the racial wealth gap. However, unpacking race, wealth and power is inherently complex work. This toolkit is a starting point.

What Is the Racial Wealth Gap?

Watch (16 min): Explain | Racial Wealth Gap from Netflix and Vox

Read (10 min): Examining the Black-White Wealth Gap from The Brookings Institution

What Are the Implications of This Gap in Wealth and in Power?

Read (5 min): How African-Americans have been shortchanged out of the materials to build wealth by Janelle Jones at the Economic Policy Institute

Read (15 min): Carl Neal: Property Ownership and the Freedom to Choose, by Tonia Hill from City Bureau’s Black Chi Wealth series

Read (8 min): Race, the Wealth Gap, and Income Shocks from the University of Chicago

Where Does the Wealth Gap Come From?

Read (10 min): A vast wealth gap, driven by segregation, redlining, evictions and exclusion, separates black and white America, by Trymaine Lee, The New York Times’ 1619 Project

Watch (6 min): Housing Segregation and Redlining in America from NPR

Go deeper: Read the book The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap by Mehrsa Baradaran

Go deeper: Watch (27 min) Chicago Matters: Inside Housing a documentary by Bruce Orenstein

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WHAT KEEPS THIS WEALTH GAP IN PLACE TODAY?

Explore (15 min):
Extensive Data Shows Punishing Reach of Racism for Black Boys
from
The New York Times

Read (15 min):
Black Homeowners Face Discrimination in Appraisals
by Debra Kamin in
The New York Times

Read (30 min):
When a Job is Not Enough: The Latinx-White Wealth Gap
by Danyelle Solomon and Christian E. Weller in the Center for American Progress

Read (15 min):
Hiring Discrimination Against Black Americans Hasn’t Declined in 25 Years
Harvard Business Review

Go deeper: Read the book
Know Your Price: Valuing Black Lives and Property in America’s Black Cities
by Dr. Andre M. Perry

WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT THIS?

Read (5 min):
Ten Solutions to Bridge the Racial Wealth Divide
Inequality.org

Read (15 min):
Why the racial wealth gap exists and what you can do about it
by Nicole Dieker

Read (20 min):
Truth and Redistribution in Color Lines
Go deeper: Explore the report
Towards a New System of Community Wealth
from Drexel University’s Nowak Metro Finance Lab

Go deeper (80 min):
The Color of Money: Race, Wealth, and Communities on the Front Line of Economics Justice
Panel discussion with Mehrsa Baradaran, Risha Berry, Tishaura Jones, and Anne Stuhldreher moderated by Gillian White from The Atlantic