

# WHAT WE NEED TO KNOW ABOUT RACISM

## AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE

### RACISM/WHITE SUPREMACY

is a dynamic power structure that exists through a network of systems and practices that oppress a group of people based on the belief that one race (white) is superior to another race (or races). These systems and practices that Racism/White Supremacy exist in nationally and globally include (but are not limited to): **criminal-justice systems, education systems, economic systems, entertainment systems (media), health systems, legal systems, political systems, psychological practices, physical/violent practices, religious/spiritual practices and social practices.** The oppression in these systems and practices are implemented both *consciously* and *unconsciously*. Furthermore, the oppression within these systems occurs both *overtly* and *covertly*.

### HOW RACISM AFFECTS BLACK PEOPLE SYSTEMICALLY

SYSTEM/PRACTICE	EXAMPLES OF RACISM WITHIN SYSTEMS
CRIMINAL-JUSTICE/LEGAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mass incarceration</li><li>• Longer prison sentences</li><li>• Black people more likely to be suspected and falsely convicted of crimes</li></ul>
EDUCATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Degradation and lack of funding to predominately Black schools</li><li>• Misinformation about racism within school systems</li><li>• Lack of access to higher education</li></ul>
ECONOMIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wealth Gaps created during slavery still exist today</li><li>• Continuous restrictions and attacks on black businesses</li></ul>
ENTERTAINMENT/MEDIA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Negative stereotypes of Black people portrayed by the media</li><li>• Restriction of positive black images in Film, TV, Music &amp; News</li></ul>
HEALTH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Lack of access to healthcare</li><li>• Medical maltreatment</li></ul>
POLITICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Political maneuvers to continue the disempowerment of Black people</li><li>• Lack of authentic political power</li></ul>
PSYCHOLOGICAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion of stereotypes through media and other means</li><li>• Widespread internalized oppression</li></ul>
PHYSICAL VIOLENCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Police Brutality</li><li>• Rape against Black women drastically underreported</li></ul>
RELIGIOUS/SPIRITUAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Black people practice religions historically forced upon them</li><li>• Widespread lack of knowledge of historical origins of religion &amp; African Spirituality</li></ul>
SOCIAL PRACTICES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Micro-aggressions</li><li>• Social Marginalization/Discrimination</li><li>• Discouragement in speaking about racism</li></ul>

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### A Brief Timeline of Racial History in the United States

TRADITIONAL CHATTEL SLAVERY & SLAVE REBELLION ERA	JIM CROW ERA & EARLY FREEDOM MOVEMENTS	CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT	BLACK POWER MOVEMENT	"POST-RACIAL" ILLUSION & NEW FREEDOM MOVEMENTS
1500s-1863	Late 1800s-1960s	1954-1968	1968-1980	1980s-Present

### HISTORICAL FORMS OF RACISM COMPARED TO MODERN FORMS OF RACISM















HISTORICAL FORMS OF RACISM		MODERN FORMS OF RACISM
TRADITIONAL CHATTEL SLAVERY IN THE AMERICAS: CENTURIES OF FORCED LABOR & TORTURE IN WHICH BLACK PEOPLE WERE TREATED AS PROPERTY (ALSO KNOWN AS BLACK HOLOCAUST OR "MAAFA")	<b>SLAVERY</b>	SLAVERY CONTINUES TO BE LEGAL <i>AS PUNISHMENT FOR CRIME</i> AND FORCED LABOR CONTINUES IN PRISON BLACK PEOPLE ARE THE HIGHEST INCARCERATED RACE
BLACK BUSINESSES & COMMUNITIES WERE SYSTEMATICALLY DESTROYED, BOMBED & BURNED DURING EARLY 1900'S	<b>BLACK BUSINESS</b>	BLACK BUSINESSES ARE COVERTLY ATTACKED (I.E RESTRICTED BUSINESS LOANS, BLACK BUSINESSES SHUT DOWN FOR INSUFFICIENT REASONS)
BLACK LEADERS & ACTIVISTS WERE PERSECUTED, IMPRISONED & ASSASSINATED BY GOV'T AGENCIES  BLACK ORGANIZATIONS WERE INFILTRATED & DISMANTLED (I.E BLACK PANTHER PARTY FOR SELF DEFENSE)	<b>BLACK LEADERS</b>	OUTSPOKEN BLACK LEADERS CONTINUE TO BE PERSECUTED, SILENCED OR DEGRADED.  INFILTRATION & DISMANTLING OF BLACK ORGANIZATIONS CONTINUES  MANY BLACK POLITICAL PRISONERS REMAIN INCARCERATED
BLACK SLAVES AND LATER BLACK LABORERS WERE FORCED INTO USING DRUGS SUCH AS COCAINE TO INCREASE PRODUCTIVITY	<b>DRUGS</b>	DRUGS SUCH AS CRACK-COCAINE AND HEROIN SECRETLY WERE INTRODUCED TO BLACK COMMUNITIES BY THE CIA IN 1980S  "WAR ON DRUGS" LEADS TO MASS INCARCERATION OF BLACK PEOPLE; BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS CONTINUE TO BE TARGETED
ENSLAVED BLACKS WERE PREVENTED FROM READING & WRITING  FOLLOWING SLAVERY THERE WAS CONSISTENT DEGRADATION AND LACK OF FUNDING TO BLACK SCHOOLS	<b>EDUCATION</b>	DEGRADATION & LACK OF FUNDING TO PREDOMINATELY BLACK SCHOOLS  LIMITED ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS THROUGH BIASED EXAMS AND FINANCIAL BARRIERS  EDUCATION FAILS TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT INFORMATION ABOUT RACISM & BLACK HISTORY PRIOR TO SLAVERY
PICTURES, VIDEOS, LIVE SHOWS AND CARTOONS WERE USED TO DEPICT NEGATIVE OR DEGRADING IMAGES OF BLACK PEOPLE	<b>MEDIA</b>	THE MEDIA CONTINUES TO BE USED TO PORTRAY NEGATIVE IMAGES OF BLACKS IN FILM, TV, NEWS & MUSIC  BLACK MUSIC CONTINUES TO BE UNDER WHITE/JEWISH CONTROL
THE POLICE FORCE HAS ORIGINS IN THE SLAVE PATROL IN WHICH THEY WERE USED TO CAPTURE RUNAWAY SLAVES	<b>POLICE BRUTALITY</b>	POLICE ARE USED AS A TOOL TO MASS INCARCERATE BLACK PEOPLE  POLICE BRUTALITY AGAINST BLACK PEOPLE CONTINUES THROUGHOUT TIME & LEADS TO COUNTLESS BLACK DEATHS
THE "BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE" WAS CREATED TO DECREASE BLACK POPULATION  DISEASES WERE INTENTIONALLY INTRODUCED TO BLACK PEOPLE (I.E TUSKEGEE EXPERIMENT)  BLACK WOMEN FACED COERCED OR FORCED STERILIZATION	<b>POPULATION CONTROL</b>	THE BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE IS RENAMED PLANNED PARENTHOOD AND ABORTION CLINICS CONTINUE TO TARGET BLACK COMMUNITIES  DISEASES & STERILIZATION ARE DISGUISED AS VACCINATIONS  INCREASED VIOLENCE, STRESS AND HEALTH DIFFICULTIES INCREASE EARLY MORTALITY OF BLACK PEOPLE
DIVISION IS COERCED AMONGST BLACK PEOPLE  BLACK PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT TO DEFEND OPPRESSION & BLAME THEMSELVES  BLACK PEOPLE WERE TAUGHT TO HAVE NEGATIVE CONCEPTS OF THEMSELVES  BLACK PEOPLE WERE USED TO ENFORCE OPPRESSION (I.E BLACK OVERSEERS)	<b>PSYCHOLOGY</b>	COERCED DIVISION AMONGST BLACK PEOPLE CONTINUES  BLACK PEOPLE CONTINUE TO DEFEND THEIR OWN OPPRESSION & BLAME THEMSELVES AS A GROUP  BLACK PEOPLE CONTINUE TO HAVE NEGATIVE CONCEPTS OF THEMSELVES AS A GROUP & DEGRADE OTHER BLACKS  BLACKS CONTINUE TO BE USED TO ENFORCE THEIR OWN OPPRESSION (I.E BLACK PEOPLE IN MEDIA)
STEREOTYPES ARE CREATED TO JUSTIFY RACISM: <u>DURING SLAVERY:</u> (I.E BLACK PEOPLE ARE CHILDLIKE, DOCILE, IGNORANT) <u>AFTER SLAVERY:</u> (I.E BLACK PEOPLE ARE LAZY, STUPID, VIOLENT, IMMORAL)	<b>STEREOTYPES</b>	STEREOTYPES CONTINUED TO BE USED TO JUSTIFY OPPRESSION: I.E <u>MASS INCARCERATION</u> DEFENDED WITH "BLACK PEOPLE ARE CRIMINALS" I.E <u>POLICE BRUTALITY</u> DEFENDED WITH "BLACK ON BLACK CRIME" I.E <u>LACK OF EDUCATION</u> DEFENDED WITH "BLACKS ARE STUPID" I.E <u>POVERTY</u> DEFENDED WITH "BLACKS ARE LAZY"
EXTREME WEALTH GAPS BETWEEN BLACKS & WHITES CREATED BY SLAVERY	<b>WEALTH</b>	WEALTH GAPS CREATED DURING SLAVERY CONTINUE TO EXIST

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### HOW RACISM AFFECTS BLACK PEOPLE INDIVIDUALLY

<b>CONSTANT MICROAGRESSIONS</b>		<b>INTERNALIZED/ PSYCHOLOGICAL OPPRESSION</b>	
<b>DESTRUCTION OF COMMUNITIES</b>		<b>INCREASED HEALTH RISKS</b>	
<b>DISRUPTION OF FAMILY SYSTEMS</b>		<b>LIMITED KNOWLEDGE OF PRE-SLAVERY CULTURE &amp; HISTORY</b>	
<b>INCREASED LIKELIHOOD OF POVERTY</b>		<b>NEGATIVE MEDIA INFLUENCES</b>	
<b>INCREASED RISK OF INCARCERTION</b>		<b>RESTRICTED EDUCATION</b>	
<b>INCREASED RISK OF POLICE BRUTALITY</b>		<b>SHORTENED LIFE EXPECTANCY</b>	
<b>INCREASED RISK OF TRAUMA</b>		<b>VARIOUS FACTORS RESULTING FROM RACISM</b>	

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## EXAMPLES OF GLOBAL RACISM/WHITE SUPREMACY

The Transatlantic Slave Trade imported Africans as Slaves to numerous countries across the Atlantic Racism still exists in these countries widely

Every country in Africa has been colonized by European nations (excluding Ethiopia)

Europe & the U.S still maintain control of many African countries through financial control and violence (neo-colonialism)

There is evidence of Black Population Control through the use of sterilization, abortion and forced contraception in countries in need

Theft and exploitation by U.S/European powers leads to extreme poverty in certain African nations

European education and indoctrination separates many African people from their history, culture, language, religion and true understanding of racism

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