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racial
discipleship
for all ages

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GOD'S BELOVED COMMUNITY

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Why Did So Many Christians Support Slavery?

Key reasons advanced by southern church leaders

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Early Church ●

Middle Ages ●

Reformation ●

Early Modern ●

Modern ●



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Color-Averse Bible Exegesis | Slavery

- Abraham, the “father of faith,” and all the patriarchs held slaves without God’s disapproval (Gen. 21:9–10).
- Canaan, Ham’s son, was made a slave to his brothers (Gen. 9:24–27).
- The Ten Commandments mention slavery twice, showing God’s implicit acceptance of it (Ex. 20:10, 17).
- Slavery was widespread throughout the Roman world, and yet Jesus never spoke against it.
- The apostle Paul specifically commanded slaves to obey their masters (Eph. 6:5–8).
- Paul returned a runaway slave, Philemon, to his master (Philem. 12).

PARTS
OF THE
HOLY BIBLE,
SELECTED
FOR THE USE OF THE
NEGRO SLAVES,
IN THE
BRITISH WEST-INDIA ISLANDS.

London:
PRINTED BY LAW AND GILBERT,
St. John's Square, Clerkenwell.
1808.



Color-Averse Discipleship | Segregation

- "The Bible teaches you to keep the races pure."
- "In Acts 17: 26 you can read God's plan about the races. It says that God segregated (separated) the races by putting them in different parts of the world."
- "Segregation is Christian"

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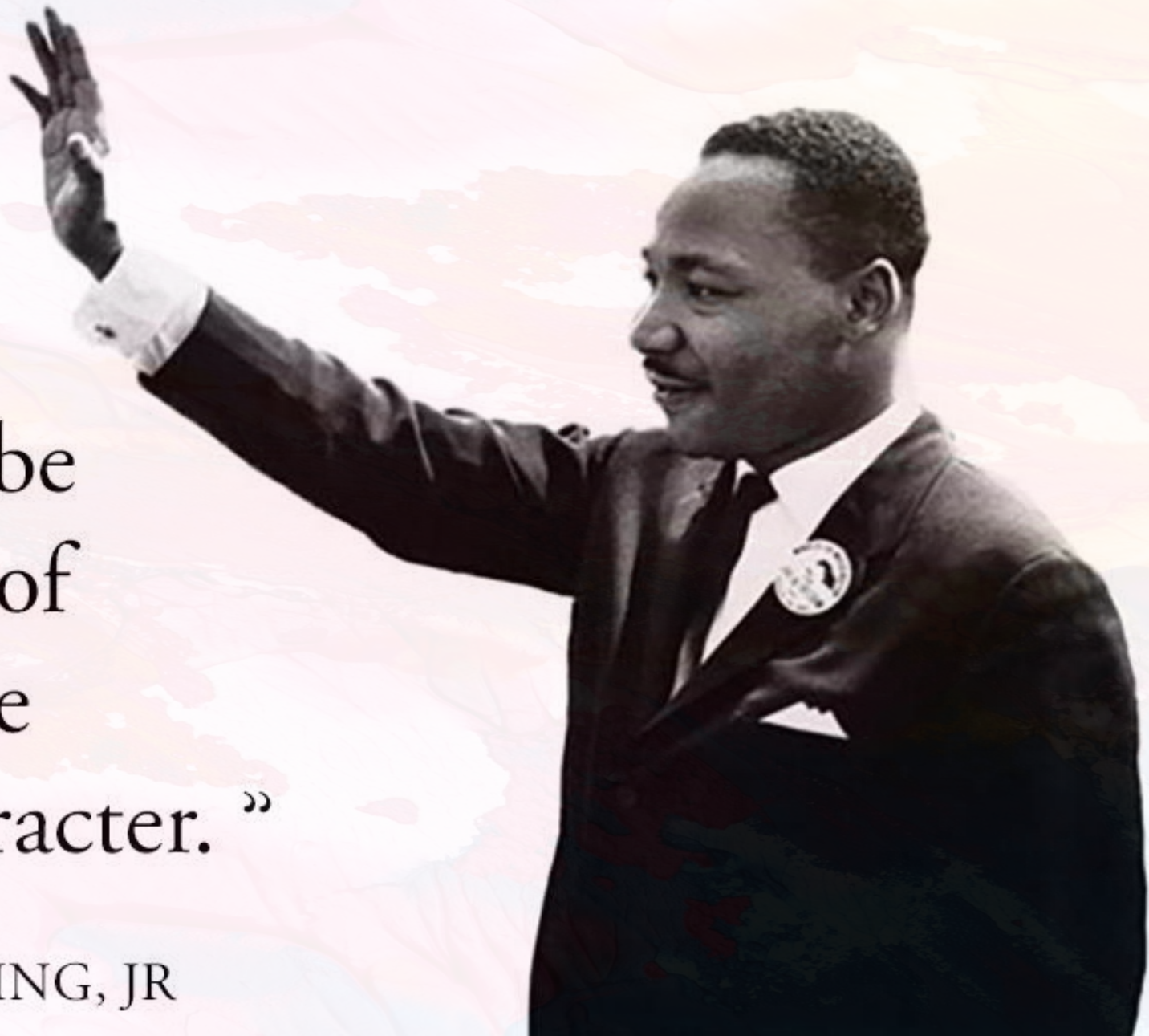
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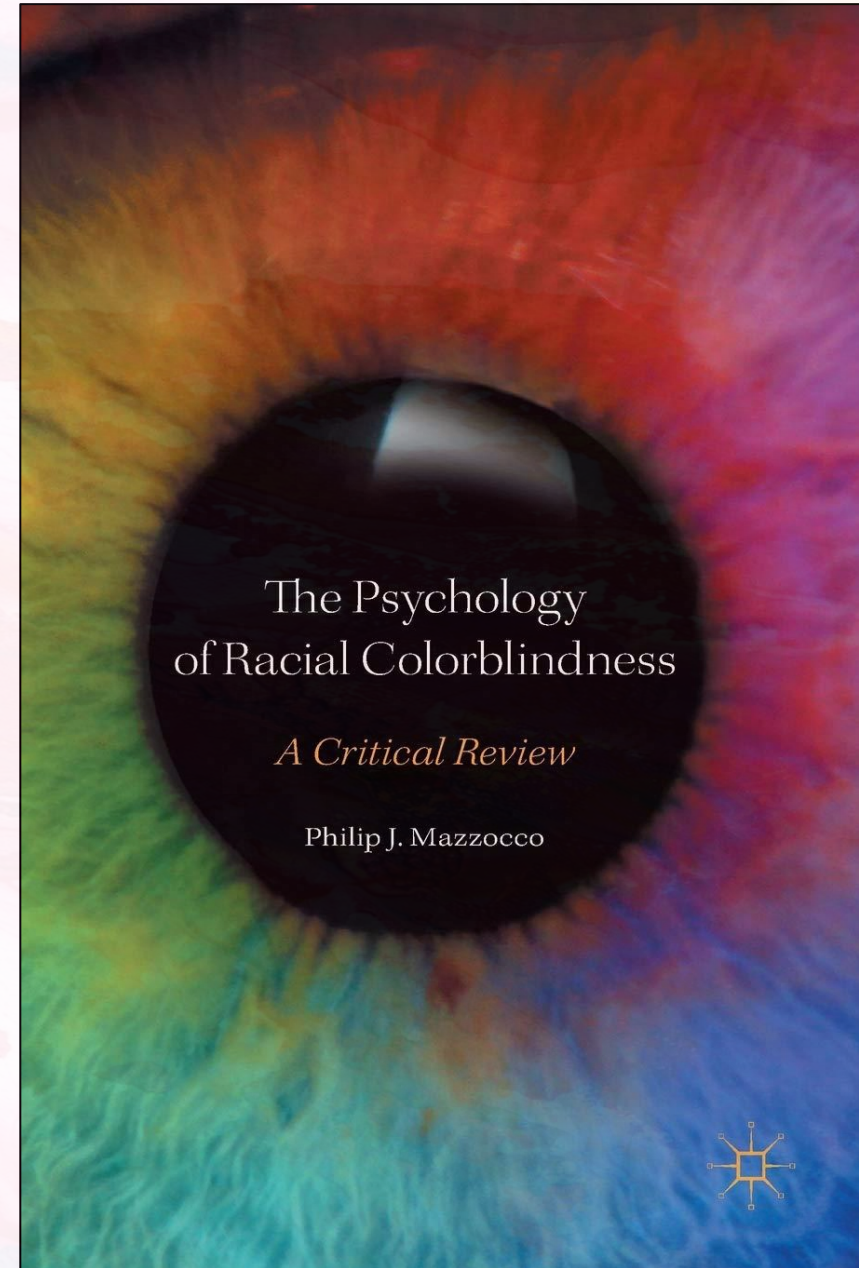
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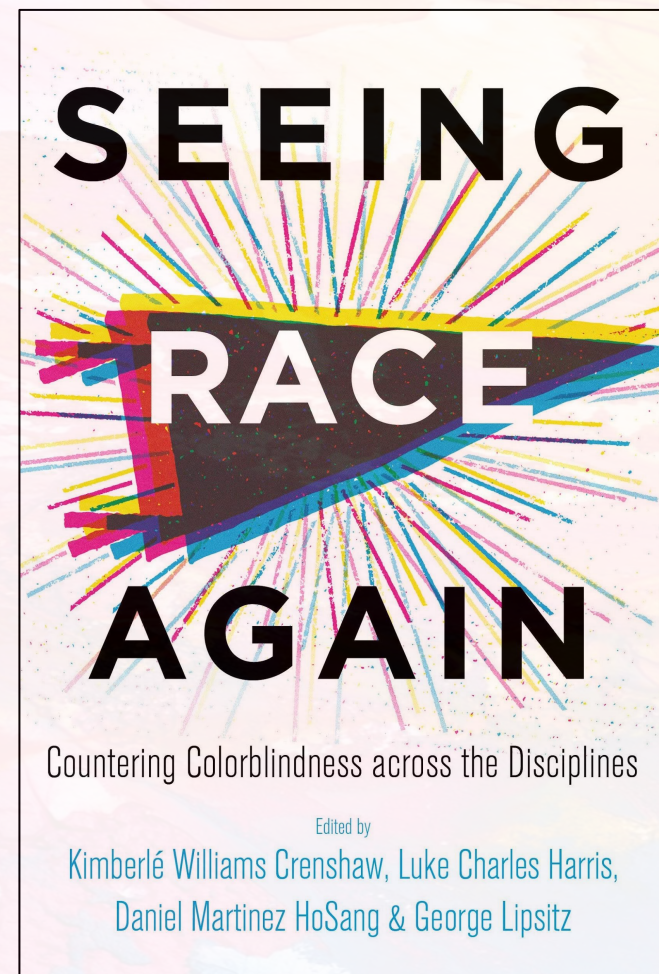
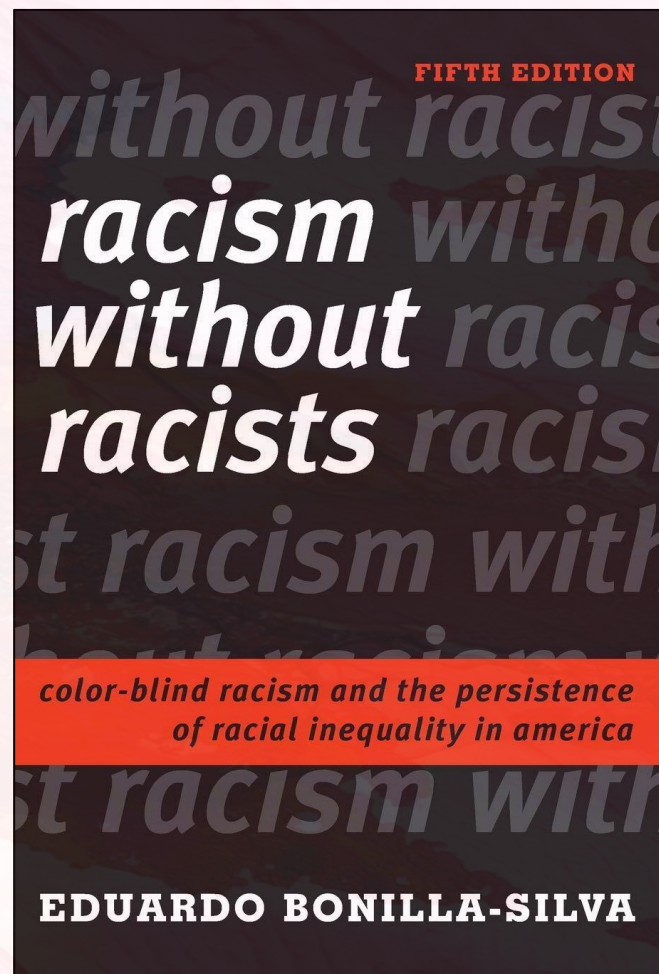
MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR






“Although the preference for colorblindness may be **well-intentioned** for some, the consequences of colorblindness . . . appear to be **almost entirely negative** both with respect to racial minorities, and society at large.”





A close-up photograph of a person with dark hair, blindfolded with a grey cloth. The person's eyes are completely covered by the cloth, and a white horizontal line is drawn across the middle of the cloth, just below the text. The background is a solid dark grey.

If you can't see race...
you also can't see racism.



NO JUSTICE
NO PEACE

UNITED WORKERS
NATIONAL
LUE
NOW

WE MARCH
FIRST CLASS
CIVIL RIGHTS
NOW!

WE MARCH
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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH
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WHERE'S
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WHITE
SUPREMACY
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Symptoms of Systemic Racism

1: Wealth

Median Wealth per
U.S. Family (2019)



White
Families
\$188K

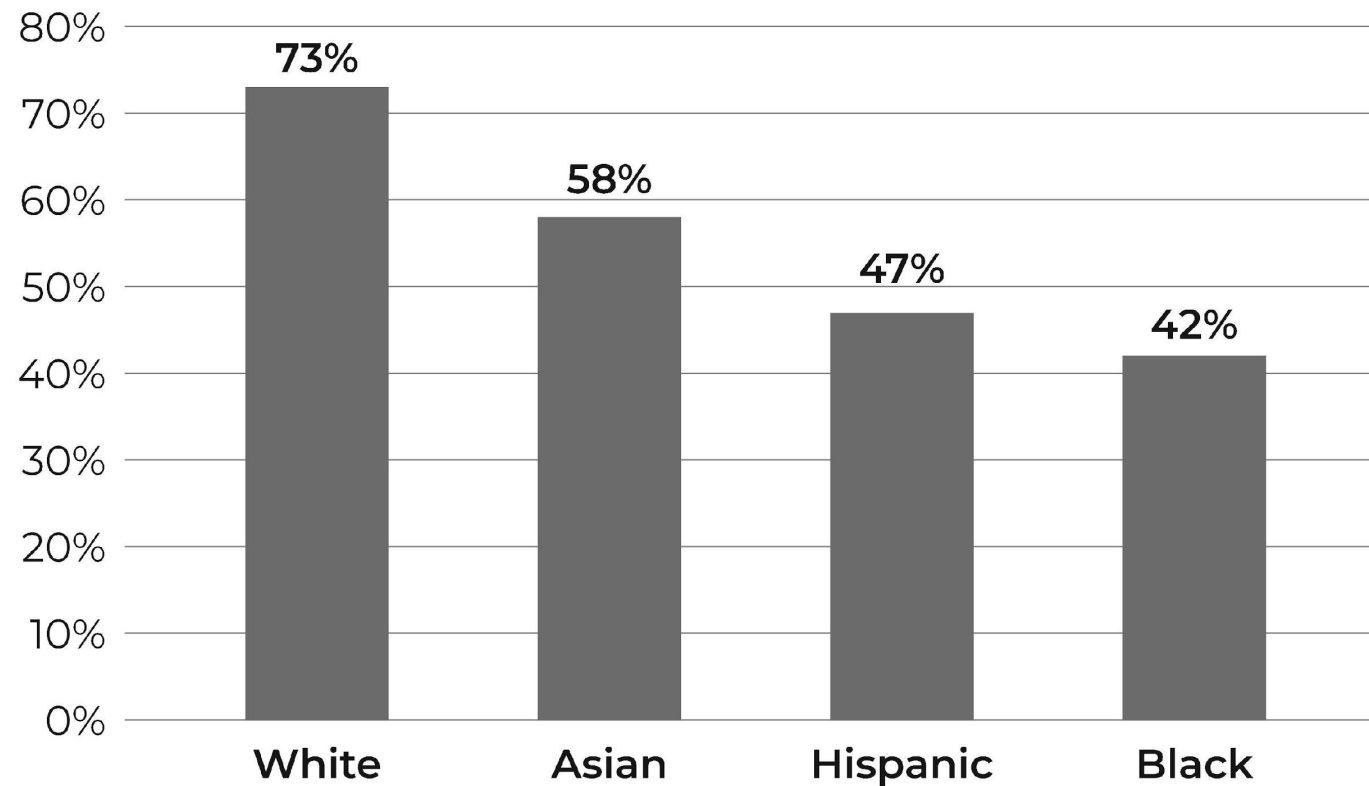


Hispanic
Families
\$36K



Black
Families
\$24K

#2: Homeownership



Data Source: Joint Center for Housing Studies (Harvard), 2019

#3: Employment

Blacks are
2x
more likely to be
unemployed

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Minority school
districts receive

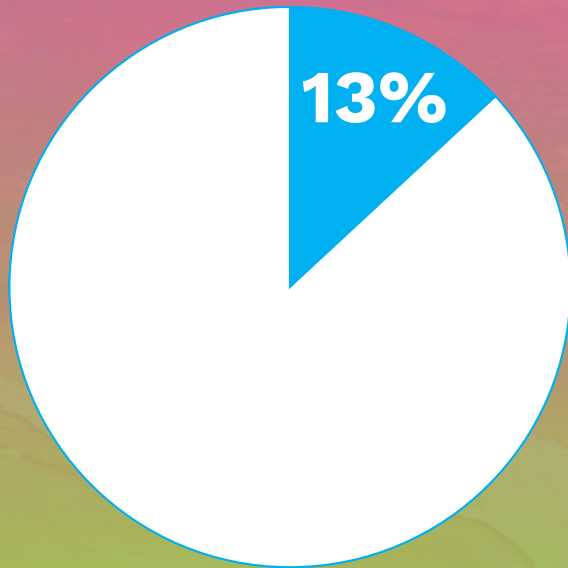
**\$23
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#4: Education

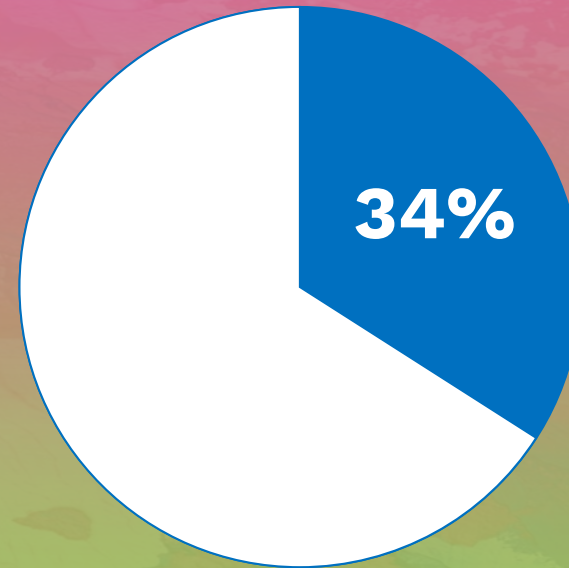
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#5: Criminal Justice

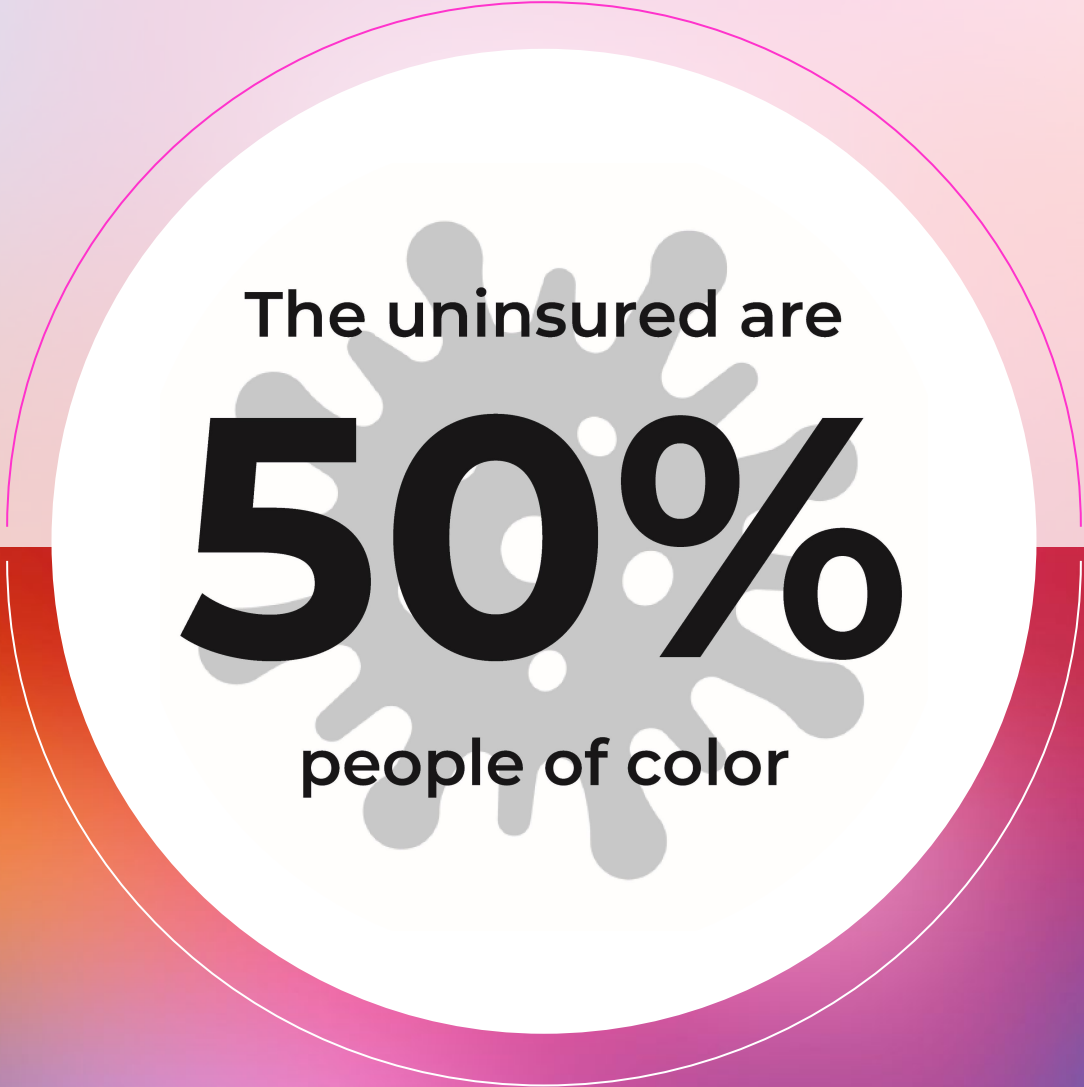
Black U.S. Population



Black Prison Population



#6: Healthcare



The uninsured are
50%
people of color

The infographic features a large white circle with a pink border. Inside the circle, the text "The uninsured are" is at the top, followed by a large "50%" in the center, and "people of color" at the bottom. A faint, grey, stylized virus or sunburst graphic is visible behind the text.



Whites make up
80%
of the most
powerful US people

#7: Leadership

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Just a few areas where the USA is racialized...

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| (1) health | (2) death | (3) employment |
| (4) marriage | (5) occupation | (6) life expectancy |
| (7) crime | (8) social identity | (9) advertising |
| (10) names | (11) education | (12) neighborhoods |
| (13) auto loans | (14) SES & spatial mobility | (15) consumerism |
| (16) respect | (17) expectations | (18) music |
| (19) religion | (20) cost of products | (21) mortgage rates |
| (22) history | (23) TV watching | (24) wealth |
| (25) politics | (26) property values | (27) entrepreneurship |
| (28) respect | (29) self-esteem | (30) product mark-up prices |
| (31) pollution | (32) social networks | (33) school lunch tables |
| (34) child poverty | (35) standardized exams | (36) language |
| (37) crim. justice | (38) generational mobility | (39) high-quality products |

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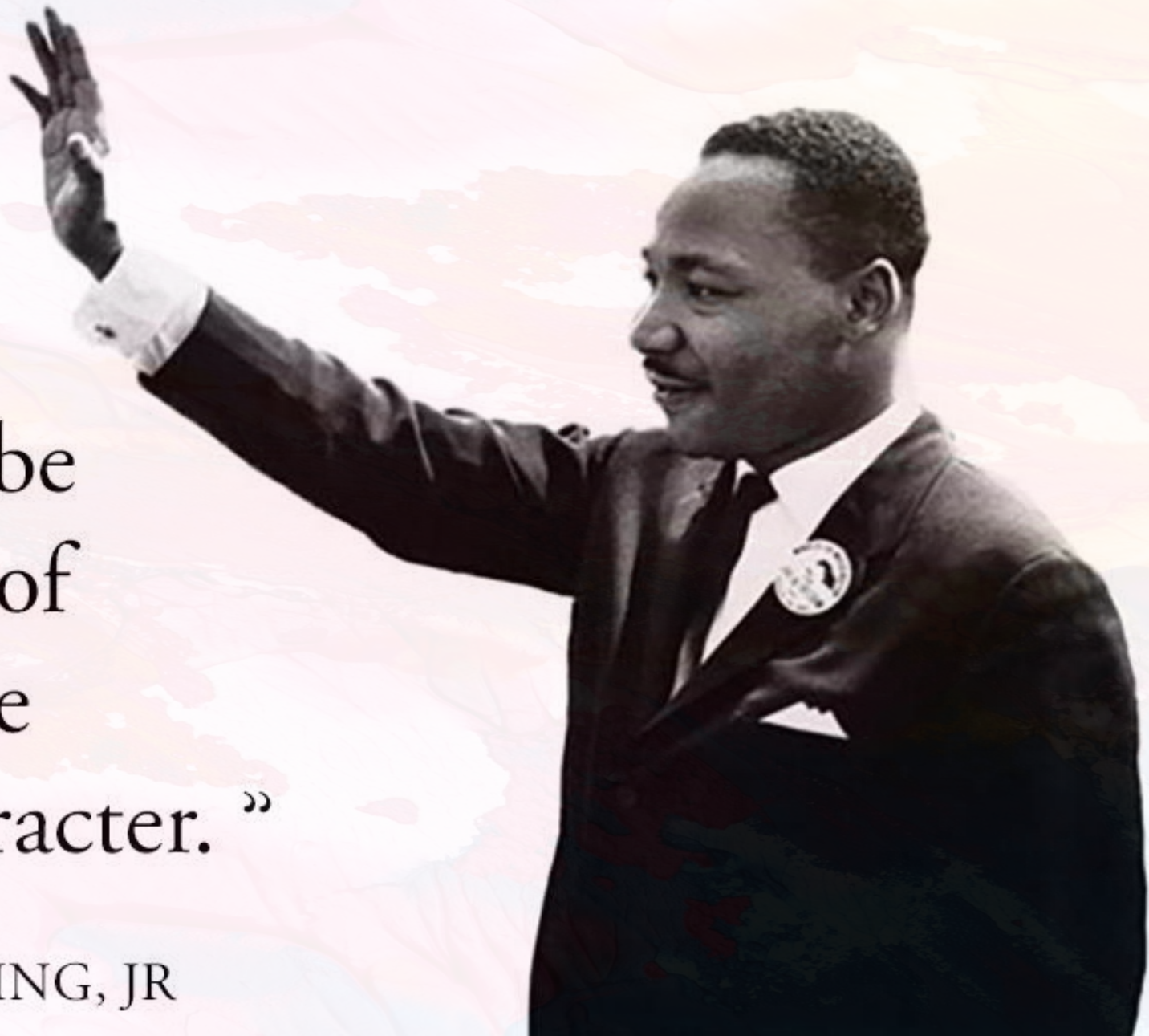
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Color-Courageous Discipleship

*The courageous choice to “see” race in
order to foster biblical racial equity and
build beloved community*

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“

I do not think of political power as an end. Neither do I think of economic power as an end. They are ingredients in the objective that we seek in life...the **creation of the beloved community.**

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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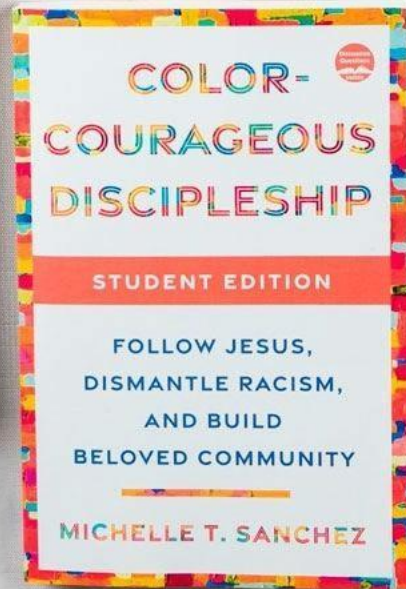
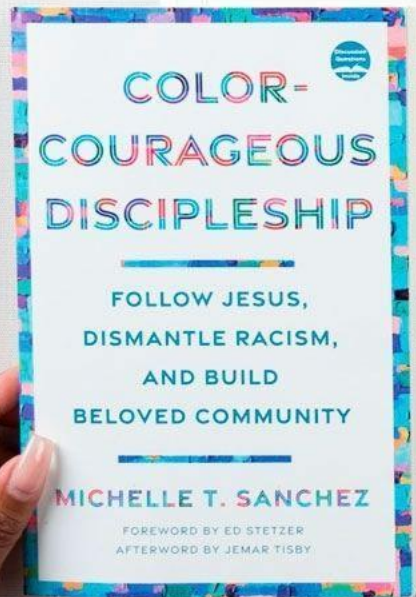
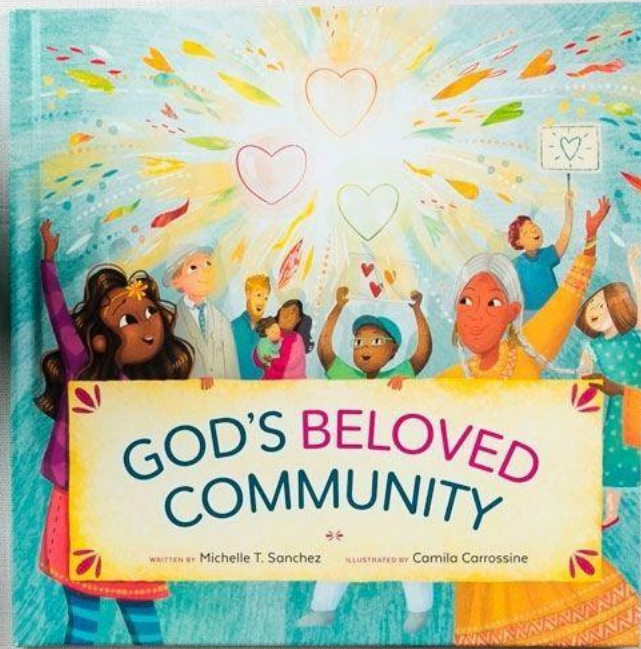
Beloved Community

A diverse community committed to
sacrificing for one another and loving one
another with the very love of God.



If the problem of the 20th century was, in W.E.B. Du Bois's famous words, “the problem of the color line,” then the problem of the 21st century is the problem of colorblindness, the refusal to acknowledge the causes and consequences of enduring racial stratification.

--Naomi Murakawa



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