# White Privilege

"People who are white, such as myself, because we are of the majority culture, often fail to understand the privileges we enjoy due to our skin color, for it is all we have ever known."

Paul Nyquist, Moody President

# White People are trapped in a history they don't understand" James Baldwin

New York Times Bestselling Author **JIM WALLIS** 

Foreword by BRYAN STEVENSON

AMERICA'S ORIGINAL Racism, White Privilege, and the SIN

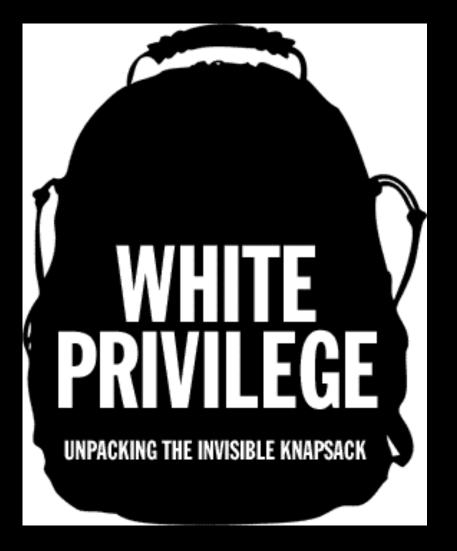
Bridge to a New America



"If white Christians acted more Christian than white, black parents would have less to fear for their children."

"white privilege is the legacy of white supremacy...the assumption of racial entitlement and the normality of whiteness..."

Jim Wallis



• "I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets which I can count on cashing in on one day, but about which I was meant to remain oblivious."

Peggy McIntosh

- I can worry about racism without being seen as selfinterested or self-seeking.
- If a traffic cop pulls me over...I can be sure I haven't been singled out because of my race.
- I do not have to educate my children to be aware of systemic racism for their own daily physical protection.
  - I am never asked to speak for all the people of my racial group.
- I will feel welcomed and "normal" in the usual walks of public life, institutional and social.

"I was taught to see racism only in individual acts of meanness, not in invisible systems conferring dominance on my group."

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(formative back) "Whiteness dominates. We do not doubt that white is right, and we impose this frame of

reference on others. Whites fail to do the imaginative thinking Diat result provide pluralistic alternatives . [and] expose the referencementate and disguises used to perpetuate racism."

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"I have been encouraged when white groups who have to face their own whiteness move quite rapidly to fresh insight and creative action.

Robert W. Terry







The truth about the problem of "whiteness":

### Hard Realities

University of Notre Dame Pastoral Leadership Practicum Duchesne Volunteer House, May 20, 2010 ex Mikulich, PhD, Research Fellow

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### U.S. 17th to 20th Century

- <u>Slavery</u>: exploitation of African slaves was integral to creation of wealth for white slaveholding elite, and from which slaves derived no benefit.
   Fundamental contradiction between claim of Declaration of Independence to equality and practice of Founders.
- Indian Removal Act of 1830: By this act of Congress, Native Americans were forcibly removed from their lands and resettled in territory that was of little interest to whites. Their property was then made available to white settlers. This also led to economic impoverishment of future generations of Native Americans.
- **Jim Crow**: After the Civil War, there was a brief twelve-year period of Reconstruction that was followed by white resistance that prevented African American participation in the political system, segregated education and social services, and solidified a low-cost labor pool. *The Supreme Court's 1896 Plessy v. Ferguson* instituted a U.S. system of apartheid until 1965.
- **Lynching**: Terror enforced racial subjugation. 4, 749 known lynchings between 1882 and 1968 recorded by Tuskegee Institute.

### U.S. 20th Century

- Exclude Asian Indians from citizenship (U.S. Supreme Court, 1923).
- Exclude domestics and agricultural workers from Social Security Act (SSA) of 1935. At the height of the Great Depression, the SSA established a basic level of economic security for many of the nation's workers. However, by excluding domestics and agricultural workers, this new policy effectively denied Social Security pensions and benefits to 75% of black workers.
- Post WWII: Exclusion of African Americans from benefits of G.I. Bill.
- Federal Housing Administration's practice of "redlining" effectively produce segregated cities and suburbs in 1940s and 1950s.
- Employer discrimination throughout century.

# Baltimore's Residential Segregation Ordinance



## **Discriminatory Housing**

Arden, for community purposes, in the activities of which corporation or association residents of Innis Arden No. 2 shall have the right to participate, subject to reasonable restrictions and requirements imposed by such corporation or association.

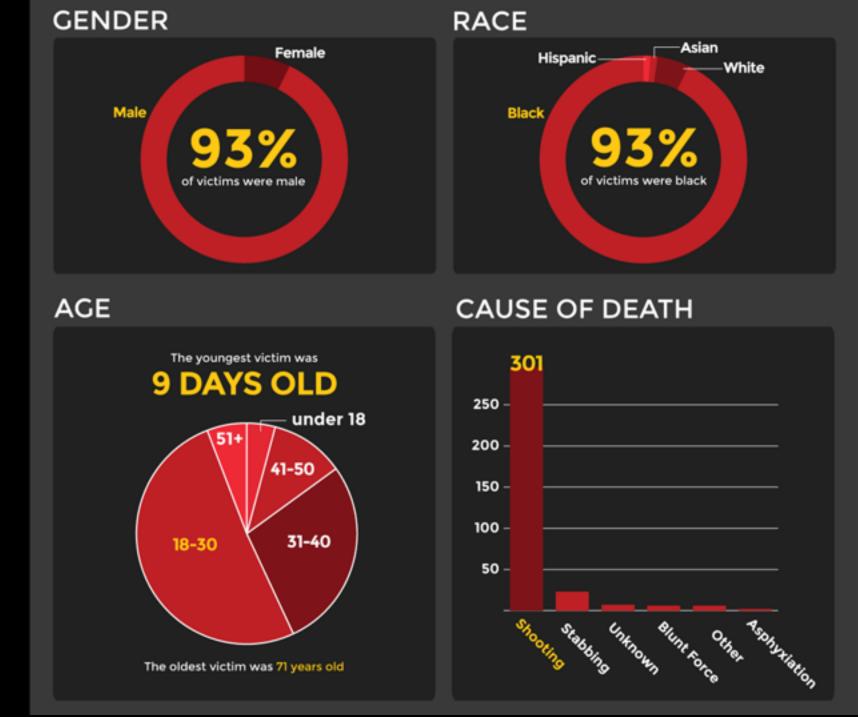
14. RACIAL RESTRICTIONS...No property in said addition shall at any time be sold, conveyed, rented or leased in whole or in part to any person or persons not of the White or Caucausian race. No person other than one of the White or Caucausian race shall be permitted to occupy any property in said addition or portion thereof or building thereon except a domestic servant actually employed by a person of the White or Caucausian race where the latter is an occupant of such property.

15. ANIMALS. No hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or or similar livestock shall be permitted or maintained on said property at any time. Chicken hens, pigeons, rabbits and other

### BALTIMORE CITY HOMICIDES 2015

Baltimore City experienced a record number of homicides per capita in 2015. Homicides rose sharply after the April death of Freddie Gray and subsequent riots, exceeding 40 homicides per month in both May and July. The vast majority of 2015's homicide victims were young black men killed by gunfire.\*





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### A "Post-Racial" Society?

#### The Legacy of the Past in the Present

- Wealth Disparity: January 1, 2013 marks the 150th Anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation--how far have we progressed?
- In 2005, the median per capita income for blacks stood at \$16,629 for blacks and \$28,946 for whites. At this rate of progress, income equality will not be achieved for 537 years.
  - Gap in wealth even more significant: As of 2004, white median household net worth was \$118,300 and black median household net worth was \$11,800.
    Eighty-five percent of African American households have a net worth below the median white household. Regardless of age, household structure, education, occupation, or income, black households typically have less than a quarter of the wealth of otherwise comparable white households.
  - Due to blatant non-merit transfer of wealth: inheritances, bequests, and intrafamily transfers of financial assets.
- Residential Segregation and Concentration of Poverty: "Spatial racism creates a visible chasm between the rich and the poor and between whites and people of color." Cardinal Francis George, *Dwell in My Love* (2001).
  - Employment discrimination.

"If you are a person of white skin color, you have certain advantages," "There is a currency that comes with that. We need to be able to describe that reality."

Thabiti Anyabwile

The weakness in the solutions to "whiteness":

### Insufficient Power

#### George Yancey

AUTHOR OF ONE BODY, ONE SPIRIT

## BEYOND RACIAL GRIDLOCK Embracing Mutual Responsibility

## The need for the gospel to "whiteness":

### Theology of Privilege

His Right: Affirming God's Design

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful... VS 23

There are no gradations in the image of God. Every man from a treble white to a bass black is significant on God's keyboard, precisely because every man is made in the image of God."..... God made us to live together as brothers and to respect the dignity and worth of every man." Martin Luther King

Not Right: Owning Corporate Sin

By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter vs 24

Must Fight: Standing for Justice

choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. Vs 25

"Whether you realize it or not, you DO benefit from white privilege, and it IS your fault if you don't maintain awareness of that fact."

**Anthony Bradley** 

 His Blood Unites: Living in the Centrality of the Cross

He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. VS26

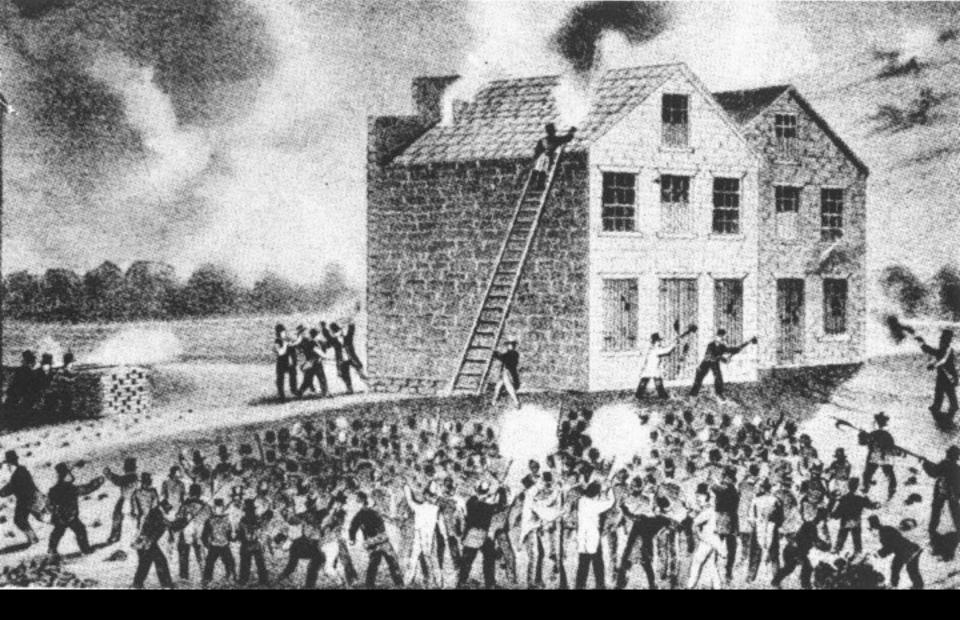
His purpose was to create in himself one new man out of the two, thus making peace, and in this one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.

Ephesians 2:15,16

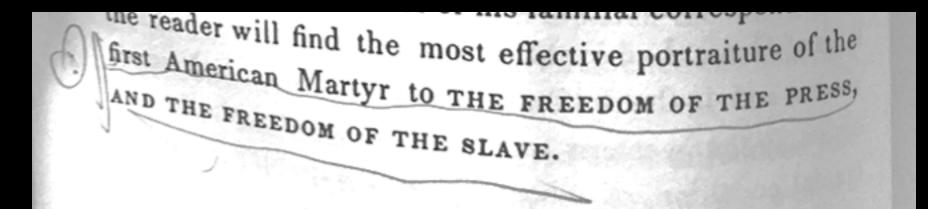


"I have sworn eternal opposition to slavery and by the blessing of God I will never turn back."

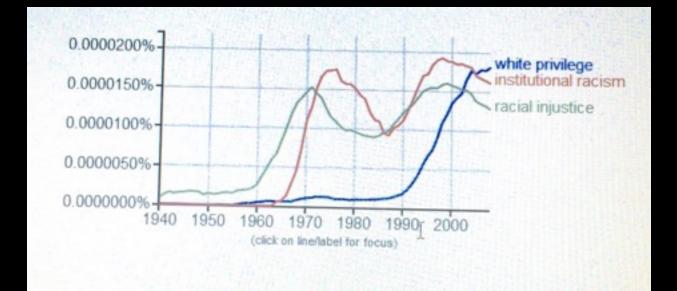
Elijah Parish Lovejoy November 9, 1802 -November 7, 1837 Alton,



Wood engraving of proslavery riot in Alton, Illinois on November 7, 1837, which resulted in



"Whites are taught to think of their lives as morally neutral, normative, and average, and also ideal, so that when we work to benefit others, this is seen as work that will allow 'them' to be like 'us'" (MacIntosh, 1998).



# A fish is the last one to know what water is.

### **Chinese Proverb**