



Discussion questions for Systemic racism and the justice system:

How do the effects of systemic racism differ in the civil and criminal justice arenas?

Is it possible to be “race neutral” in a society where racial inequalities exist?

When enacting changes intended to ameliorate poverty and inequality in the United States, how can policymakers identify and take into consideration any unintended consequences on racial equity?

Additional materials on “Negotiating race and racial inequality in family court”:

IRP Fast Focus brief, “Helping the Hard-to-Employ Transition to Employment”:

<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/helping-the-hard-to-employ-transition-to-employment/>

Information on child support and incarceration, from the National Conference of State Legislators:

<https://www.ncsl.org/research/human-services/child-support-and-incarceration.aspx>

From the federal office of Child Support Enforcement:

Do Parents Who Owe the Most Child Support Debt Have Reported Income?:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/ocsedatablog/2018/07/do-parents-who-owe-the-most-child-support-debt-have-reported-income>

Trends in Child Support Debt Amounts: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/ocsedatablog/2018/03/trends-in-child-support-debt-amounts>

Who Owes the Child Support Debt?:

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/css/ocsedatablog/2017/09/who-owes-the-child-support-debt>

Additional materials on “Crime-free housing ordinances and eviction”:

IRP Focus article, “A History of Residential Segregation in the United States”:

<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/a-history-of-residential-segregation-in-the-united-states/>

Report on over-policing from the Center on Poverty & Social Policy at Columbia University:

<https://www.povertycenter.columbia.edu/news-internal/2020/policing>

Data on eviction in America, from the New York Times:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/04/07/upshot/millions-of-eviction-records-a-sweeping-new-look-at-housing-in-america.html>

Report on housing in America, from the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality:

https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2017_housing.pdf

Conversations about systemic racism from Michigan Public Radio:

<https://www.michiganradio.org/post/how-systemic-racism-flares-housing-and-neighborhoods>

Reflections on the 50 years since the Fair Housing Act became law, from the Urban Institute: <https://www.urban.org/urban-wire/fair-housing-act-critical-ensuring-evictions-arent-driven-discrimination>

Historical information on public housing, from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development: <https://archives.hud.gov/reports/pubhouse/execpubhous.html>

Additional materials on “The effects of having an incarcerated family member on Black women’s health”:

IRP Focus article, “Discrimination and African American Health Inequities”:
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/discrimination-and-african-american-health-inequities/>

IRP Focus article, “Poverty, Criminal Justice, and Social Justice”:
<https://www.irp.wisc.edu/resource/poverty-criminal-justice-and-social-justice/>

Report on the costs of mass incarceration, from the Prison Policy Initiative:
<https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/money.html>

Incarceration among racial and ethnic minority men, from the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality:
https://inequality.stanford.edu/sites/default/files/Pathways_SOTU_2017_incarceration.pdf

Reporting on racial disparity in the criminal justice system, from The Sentencing Project:
<https://www.sentencingproject.org/issues/racial-disparity/>

Summary of evidence on the criminal justice system and racism, from the Washington Post: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/2020/opinions/systemic-racism-police-evidence-criminal-justice-system/>