



Definitions & Key Terms

Anti-Defamation League Glossary www.adl.org

## Race:

Refers to the categories into which society places individuals on the basis of physical characteristics (such as skin color, hair type, facial form and eye shape). Though many believe that race is determined by blology, it is now which socepted that this classification system was in fact created for social and political reasons. There are actually more genetic and biological differences within the racial groups defined by society than between different groups.

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# Merriam Webster Dictionary

## Racism

"A belief that race is a fundamental determinant of human traits and capacities and that racial differences produce an inherit superiority of a particular race."

# **Institutional Racism**

"The systemic oppression of a racial group to the social, economic and political advantage of another."

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# **Racial Trauma:**

Refers to the mental and emotional injury caused by encounters with racial bias and ethnic discrimination, racism, and hate crimes. In the U.S., Black, Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC) are most vulnerable due to Injurg under a system of white supremacy. Also referred to as rese-based traumatic stress.

Experiences of race-based discrimination can have detrimental psychological impacts on Individuals and their wider communities. In some individuals, prolonged incidents of racism can lead to symptoms like those experienced with post-traumatic stress disorder. This can look like depression, anger, recurring thoughts of the event, physical reactions (e.g. headaches, cheet pains, insomnia), hypervigilance, low-self-esteem, and mentally distancing from the traumatic events.

Race-based traumatic stress is a mental injury that can occur as the result of living within a racist system or experiencing events of racism.



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Racial Trauma: Direct Traumatic Stressors

Direct traumatic stressors include all direct traumatic impacts of living within a society of structural racism or being on the receiving end of individual racist attacks.

A person experiencing a direct traumatic stressor may be heavily policed, or they may face barriers to home ownership due to inequitable policies.

Additionally, a person experiencing a direct traumatic stressor may be the victim of individual physical and verbal attacks or may face other microaggressions.

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# Racial Trauma: Vicarious Traumatic Stressors

Vicarious traumatic stressors are the indirect traumatic impacts of living with systemic racism and individual racist actions.

Vicarious traumatic stressors can have an equally detrimental impact on BIPOCs mental health as direct traumatic stressors. For example, ivelmig videos of brutal police killings of Black people, such as the video associated with the murder of George Floyd, can cause traumatic stress reactions in the people who view them - especially in Black people.

Of Latinx youth that immigrate to the U.S., two-thirds report experiencing one traumatic event with the most common traumatic event reported during and post migration being witnessing a violent event or physical assault.

Many Native American children are vicariously traumatized by the high rates of societal homicide, suicide, and unintentional injury experienced in these communities.

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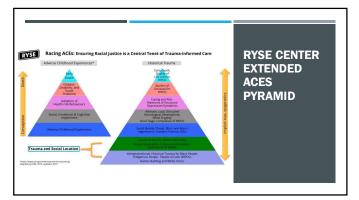
# Racial Trauma: Transmitted Stressors

Transmitted traumatic stressors refer to the traumatic stressors that are transferred from one generation to the next. These stressors can come from historically racist sources or may be personal traumas passed down through families and communities.

The chattel enslavement of Africans in the U.S. and other countries continues to serve as a source of traumatic stress for black people today. In fact, this sustained collective trauma makes Black people highly vuinerable to developing mental health disorders.

Historical trauma shared by Native Americans including boarding schools, massacres and forced violent removal from their tribal lands represents a severe communal loss and source of traumatic stress. Native Americans today continue to experience symptoms of depression, substance dependence, diabetes, and unemployment due to the psychological impact of the trauma.











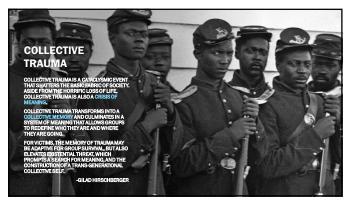
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Berghof Foundation www.berghof-foundation.org

"Individuals may be exposed to traumatic experiences, which may lead to the transgenerational transmitting of trauma in larger identity groups or within families. Insufficient coping mechanisms with highly stressful and traumatic experiences become a (difficult) psychological legacy."



# INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF TRAUMA

Researchers were first able to determine that trauma could be transferred through generations while interviewing children of Holocaust survivors in 1966.

It was found that the children of Holocaust survivors displayed PTSD-like symptoms despite being born after the Holocaust ended.

The children self-reported that their parents were "damaged, preoccupied parents" who were "emotionally limited".

Rakoff, et al. 1966

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INTERGENERATIONAL TRANSMISSION OF TRAUMA VIA PARENTING





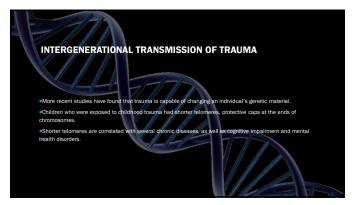
Maladaptive Coping Strategies Survival-based Parenting Practices





Social Learning Theory

Genetics









Historical & Intergenerational Trauma

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## **Historical Trauma**

Historical trauma originated with the social construction of subordinate group statuses through migration, annexation of land, and colonialism. The consequences of creating subordinate group statuses include genocide, segregation, and assimilation. Settler colonialism takes land with militaristic control, labels local inhabitants as deviant and inferior, then violently confines and oppresses the original occupants of the land.

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## **Historical Trauma Cont.**

Confinement includes relocation, restriction of movement, settlement of lands required for sustenance, as well as confinement in orphanages, boarding schools, and prisons. Historical trauma includes suppression of language, culture, and religion with the threat of emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

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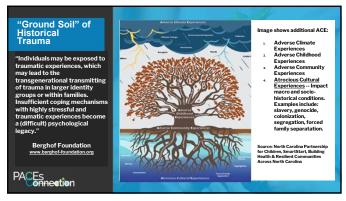
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# **Historical Trauma Cont.**

Original inhabitant abuse often results in issues with health, mental health, substance abuse, and generational emotional, physical, and sexual abuse. Culturally safe (engagement that respects identity) and trauma-informed social work practices acknowledge the systemic causes of disparities in groups experiencing marginalization and oppression and focus on healing and addressing systemic causes of disparities.

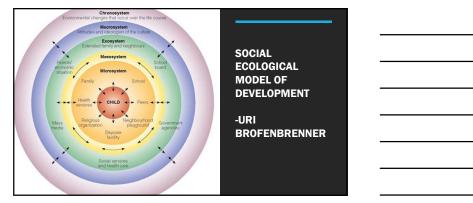


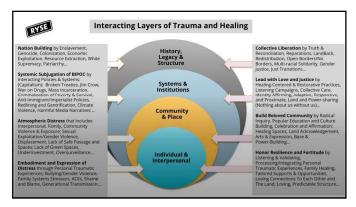


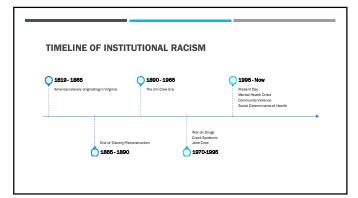
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	African Americans
	Individuals living in Poverty
IMPACTED BY	LGBTQIA
HISTORICAL	Refugees
TRAUMA	Survivors of Natural Disasters & Other Widespread Traumatic Events
	Children & Adolescents  War Veterans
	Latino & Muslim Americans**

HISTOR	CICAL TRAUMA SYMPTOMS
Vulnerabil	ity to PTSD & Other Stress Disorders
Higher Rat	tes of Violence, to include Domestic Violence & Physical Child Abuse
Vulnerabil	ity to Depression & Suicide
Increased	Use of Alcohol & Substances
Poverty	
Lack of Ed	lucational Attainment
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Highe	er Rates of Unemployment
Highe	er Mortality & Early Death Rates
Lowe	r IQ
Highe	r Likelihood of Developmental Delays & Behavioral Problems in Childhood
Highe	er Risk of Child Sexual Abuse







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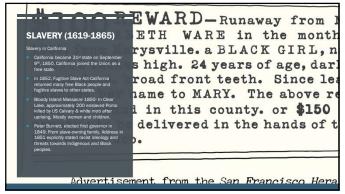
# SLAVERY (1619-1865)

According to the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History:

- Average Lifespan of slaves approx. 23-25 yrs.
- Approximately 6-8 % died in childbirth
- ½ of infants died before 1 yr.
- Death before 14 yrs. twice as high as Caucasian children
- High early death rate for slaves due to poor diet, intense labor, intense stress, lack of medical attention and communicable disease
- Drapetomania-mental illness characterized by irrational desire to escape slavery







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## END OF SLAVERY/RECONSTRUCTION (1865-1890)

- Health outcomes for African American women remained mostly consistent due to starvation, poverty & intense labor.
- Slavery was slowly replaced by sharecropping, largely unpaid labor.
- Overt racism and extreme discrimination in Southern states were 90% of African Americans resided.
- Stealing of property, forced relocation, murder/lynchings, rape, arson and mass incarceration. This period was also known as the

RECONSTRUCTION ERA IN CALIFORNIA	PAR
brings in thousands Asian migrant workers (1863-1869)	
<ul> <li>LA Chinatown Massacre of 1871. Mob of 500 killed 17 Chinese immigrants amid labor tension and an altercation left a white man dead.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>San Francisco Riot of 1877. Labor tensions erupted in a white mob destroying Chinatown at killing 4.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Chinese Euclision Act Instated in 1982.</li> <li>Prichitized legal immigration from China and blocked current immigrants from achieving citizenship.</li> </ul>	

- The 13th Amendment effectively ended enslavement in America unless for punishment for a crime; this particular clause will present many problems for Black people moving forward.
- The 14th Amendment made the newly freedmen and women citizens of the United States of America, which was supposed to grant them the rights and protections of the Constitution.
- The 15th amendment was supposed to grant free Black men the right to vote.
- Lastly, the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1866 was the first United States federal law to define citizenship and affirm that all citizens are equally protected by the law. It was mainly intended, in the wake of the American Civil War, to protect the civil rights of persons of African descent born in or brought to the United States.

WHAT LAWS
WERE PUT IN
PLACE?

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**EDUCATION** 

- The Freedmen's Bureau, later known as The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, was a division of the United States government that was solely established for the provision of practical aid to 4,000,000 newly freed African Americans in their transition from slavery to freedom.
- Despite all the work that was attempted on behalf of the bureau in efforts of assisting African Americans, arguably, the most important and effective of the assistance lies in their work to educate the new citizens.
- Schools that were primarily focused on the education of African
  Americans began appearing in rural and urban areas alike, however,
  the newly granted ditzenship proved flawed when equality was still
  severely lacking when it when in came to school funding and teacher
  education.

# PRIMARY SOURCE ACCOUNTS

The separation of the schools, so far from being for the benefit of both races, is an injury to both. It tends to create a feeling of degradation in the blacks, and of prejudice and uncharitableness in the whites.

Robert Morris and Charles Sumner,
 in Roberts v. City of Boston, 1849

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# JIM CROW ERA (1890-1965)

- Despite the racism, discrimination and domestic terrorism, the life expectancy of African Americans increased drastically. The average lifespan of a Black woman in 1960 was approx. 66 yn
- Migration (1910-1970). By 1970, nearly half of the African American population migrated from the South to the North, West & Midwest.
- discrimination and were paid a living wage in these regions.

  To this day, African Americans living in the South have poorer health outcomes than those living in other regions of the
- Interest in researching the African American community increases. IQ testing and the famous "Doll Test". Also, study 1988 fround that traums could be assent through famoration.

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# JIM CROW ERA LYNCHINGS IN CALIFORNIA

- Between 1850 and 1935, there are estimates of 350 known racially motivated lynchings in California.
- Victims were mostly Latino and
- Victims included men and women.
- Josefa Segovia, known as Juanita.







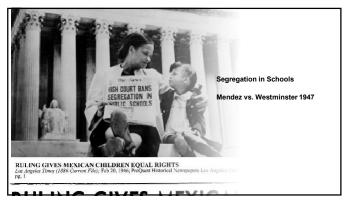
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- and expansion of suburbs. Between 1934 to 1968,
- Between 1934 to 1968, 98% of home loans were given to White applicants. Construction of
- Construction of highways to provide access to suburbs often demolished existing Black neighborhoods.





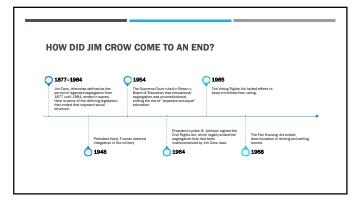


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# The Watts Race Riot 1965

- Triggered by police brutality and longstanding tension between Black residents and the police.
- Lasted from August 11th through August 16th,
- Left 34 dead and resulted in 40 million in damages.
   Lyndon B. Johnson's





# WAR ON DRUGS/CRACK EPIDEMIC (1970-1995)

- Health outcomes steadily improved after slavery but stalled during this era.
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- The African American family experienced distress due to addiction, the removal of children into foster care, mass incarceration of both women and men for drug use and sale.
- The HIV/AIDS epidemic disproportionally impacted African American women.
   This was largely due to IV drug use, early sex, promiscuity, unprotected and risky sex. Also high rates of teenage pregnancy among African American girls.
- In the 1980's, Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Braveheart, a Native American social worker, coined the term Historical Trauma, "a cumulative emotional and psychological wounding over the lifespan and across generations, emanating from massive group trauma."



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# THE WAR ON DRUGS

The war on drugs was a campaign led by the U.S. federal government, with the help of military aid and intervention, with the aim of reducing the illegal drug trade in the United States. The term was popularized by the media shortly after a press conference given on June 18, 1971, by President Richard Nixon—the day after publication of a special message from President Nixon to the Congress on Drug Abuse Prevention and Control—during which he declared drug abuse "public enemy number one".

# DRUG RELATED STATISTICS AND FACTS

- Nearly 80% of people in federal prison and almost 60% of people in state prison for drug offenses are black or Latino.
- Research shows that prosecutors are twice as likely to pursue a mandatory minimum sentence for black people as for white people charged with the same offense. Among people who received a mandatory minimum sentence in 2011, 38% were Latino and 31% were black.
- Black people are more likely to be killed by law enforcement than other racial or ethnic groups. They are often stereotyped as being violent or addicted to alcohol and other drugs. Experts believe that stigma and racism may play a major role in policecommunity interactions.

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# The Beating of Rodney King 1991

- King was beaten after leading police on a highspeed chase.
- His beating was taped by an uninvolved citizen who then released the video to the media.
- One of the most highprofile incidents of police brutality in America due to new technology allowing evidence of police brutality to be



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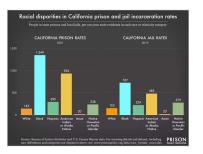
# The LA Riots 1992

- The outcomes of the Rodney King Trial and the killing of Latasha Harlins ignited racial tensions in Los Angeles
- tensions in Los Angeles
   Lasted from April 29th to May 4th, 1992.
- in over a billion in damages.



# California & Mass Incarceration California ranks high in racial disparity in mass incarceration

**Prison Policy** Initiative: California Profile
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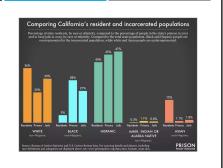
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# California & Mass Incarceration

African Americans make up only 5% of the population but represent 21% in jail and 28% in prison.

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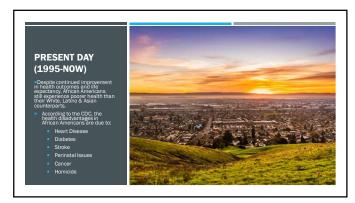
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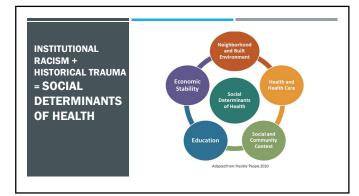
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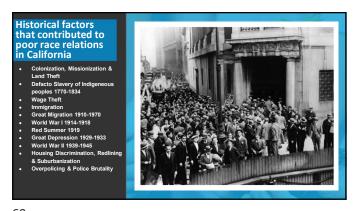
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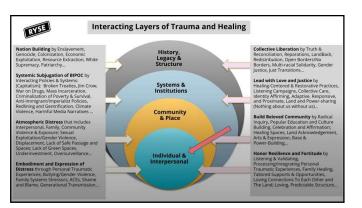




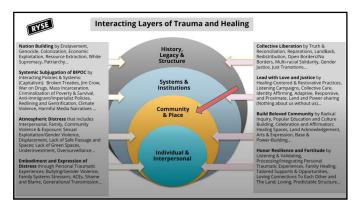


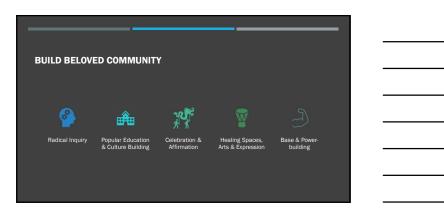
# Economic & Educational Disparity in California Persistent disparities still exist because of California's history. Impact is seen in Latino, African American & Native communities. Public Policy Institute in California https://www.ppic.org/publicati on/race-and-diversity-in-thegolden-state Latinos, African Americans, and Native Americans lag behind on key socioeconomic measures \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ own a \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ annual \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ own a \$ own a \$ college more grad \$ own a \$ own

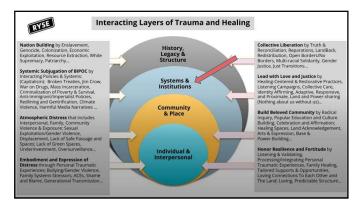




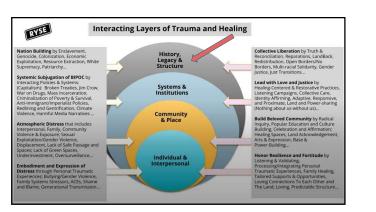




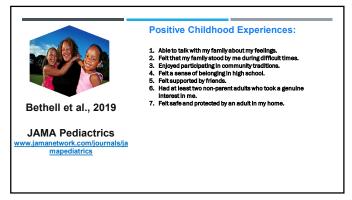




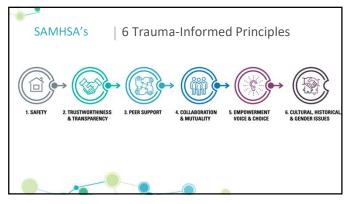
















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EMPOWERMENT, VOICE & CHOICE

EMPOWER YOUTH, FAMILIES & COMMUNITIES TO GROW IN THEIR STRENGTHS AND USE THEIR VOICE.



