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### 1. Did you know that redlining occurred in Virginia?

**Definition of Redlining:** <https://www.britannica.com/topic/redlining>

**Maps:** <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=909e8528cd3a4df190756596dcf5d693>

**Learn More:** "The Racial Segregation of American Cities Was Anything But Accidental,"

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-federal-government-intentionally-racially-segregated-american-cities-180963494/>

### 2. Did you know that for every \$100 of wealth the average white family has, the average black family has \$6?

**Learn More:**

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/how-racial-wealth-gap-was-created>
- The Fed - Disparities in Wealth by Race and Ethnicity in the 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances: <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/up-front/2020/02/27/examining-the-black-white-wealth-gap/>
- "Disparities in Wealth by Race and Ethnicity in the 2019 Survey of Consumer Finances," <https://www.federalreserve.gov/econres/notes/feds-notes/disparities-in-wealth-by-race-and-ethnicity-in-the-2019-survey-of-consumer-finances-20200928.htm>
- "5 Facts About Black Americans," <https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2018/02/22/5-facts-about-blacks-in-the-u-s/>

### 3. Did you know that race was created by humans?

**Definition of Race:** <https://www.britannica.com/topic/race-human>

**Learn More:**

- "Race and Ethnicity in Genetic Research" <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/difference-between-us-racial-classification-cultural>
- "Historical Foundations of Race," Smithsonian. <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race/topics/historical-foundations-race>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2271134/>

#### 4. Did you know that the idea of race as biology is persistent on the playing fields in America, but it is an idea that is not true?

##### Learn More:

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/perceived-racial-differences-athletic-ability>
- A level Playing Field? Media Constructions of Athletics, Genetics and Race: <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0002716215588067>

#### 5. Did you know that race justified social inequalities as natural?

##### Learn More:

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/naturalizing-social-differences>
- The Ideology of Racism: Misusing Science to Justify Racial Discrimination, <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/ideology-racism-misusing-science-justify-racial-discrimination>

#### 6. Did you know that race isn't biological, but racism is still real?

##### Learn More:

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/difference-between-us-racial-classification-cultural>
- There's No Scientific Basis for Race-It's a Made-Up Label: <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2018/04/race-genetics-science-africa/>
- Race Is Real, But It's Not Genetic: <https://www.discovermagazine.com/planet-earth/race-is-real-but-its-not-genetic>
- How Science and Genetics are Reshaping the Race Debate of the 21st Century: <http://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/flash/2017/science-genetics-reshaping-race-debate-21st-century/>
- Lieberman, Leonard, and Rodney C. Kirk. "What Should We Teach about the Concept of Race?" *Anthropology & Education Quarterly*, vol. 35, no. 1, 2004, pp. 137–145. JSTOR, [www.jstor.org/stable/3651339](http://www.jstor.org/stable/3651339). Accessed 14 Jan. 2021.

#### 7. Did you know that realtors actively discriminated against people of color by "blockbusting"?

##### Learn More:

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/how-racial-wealth-gap-was-created>
- A Requiem for Blockbusting - FLASH: The Fordham Law ...[ir.lawnet.fordham.edu](http://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu)
- <https://ir.lawnet.fordham.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3528&context=flr>
- SHOENFELD, SARAH JANE. "Teachable Moment: 'Blockbusting' and Racial Turnover in Mid-Century D.C." *Washington History*, vol. 30, no. 2, 2018, pp. 50–54. JSTOR, [www.jstor.org/stable/26863407](http://www.jstor.org/stable/26863407). Accessed 14 Jan. 2021.
- Seligman, Amanda Irene. "'Apologies to Dracula, Werewolf, Frankenstein': White Homeowners and Blockbusters in Postwar Chicago." *Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society* (1998-), vol. 94, no. 1, 2001, pp. 70–95. JSTOR, [www.jstor.org/stable/40193535](http://www.jstor.org/stable/40193535). Accessed 14 Jan. 2021.

## 8. Did you know that your closest genetic match is as likely to be with someone from a different racial group than your own?

### Learn More:

- <https://www.racepowerofanillusion.org/videos/measuring-genetic-variation-between-groups>
- <http://sitn.hms.harvard.edu/flash/2017/science-genetics-reshaping-race-debate-21st-century/>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC1893020/>
- [http://web.mit.edu/racescience/in\\_media/what\\_dna\\_says\\_about\\_human/index.html](http://web.mit.edu/racescience/in_media/what_dna_says_about_human/index.html)

## 9. Did you know that scientific literature of the late 19th and early 20th centuries worked to create “evidence” for racial hierarchy?

### Learn More:

- [https://www.pbs.org/race/000\\_About/002\\_04-background-01-05.htm](https://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-background-01-05.htm)
- <https://www.un.org/en/chronicle/article/ideology-racism-misusing-science-justify-racial-discrimination>
- [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-brief-history-of-the-enduring-phony-science-that-perpetuates-white-supremacy/2019/04/29/20e6aef0-5aeb-11e9-a00e-050dc7b82693\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/a-brief-history-of-the-enduring-phony-science-that-perpetuates-white-supremacy/2019/04/29/20e6aef0-5aeb-11e9-a00e-050dc7b82693_story.html)
- Maccabelli, Terenzio. "Social Anthropology in Economic Literature at the End of the 19th Century: Eugenic and Racial Explanations of Inequality." *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, vol. 67, no. 3, 2008, pp. 481–528. JSTOR, [www.jstor.org/stable/27739721](http://www.jstor.org/stable/27739721). Accessed 14 Jan. 2021.

## 10. Did you know that 93 percent of the genes that make up a person exist in sub-Saharan Africa?

### Learn More:

- [https://www.pbs.org/race/000\\_About/002\\_04-background-01-06.htm](https://www.pbs.org/race/000_About/002_04-background-01-06.htm)
- We are more alike than different: <https://humanorigins.si.edu/multimedia/videos/one-species-living-worldwide>
- Why Race is not a Thing: According to Genetics <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/news/2017/10/genetics-history-race-neanderthal-rutherford/#close>
- <https://www.councilofchurches.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/GeneticsofRace.pdf>



### Guide to sources:

- **RACE: The Power of an Illusion** is an award-winning documentary series by California Newsreel that discusses the origins, race and consequences of what we call race. The filmmakers have created lesson plans and collated resources to guide discussion and engagement.
- **JSTOR** is a digital library that provides access to academic journal articles, books, and primary sources. Many materials are available free of charge online using a library card.