Mass Trauma Experience

Dominant Group

Subjugation of Population
American Policies and Practices of Racism/White Supremacy

Segregation

-Segregated public health 1790-1970
-Segregated schools 1866-1954+
-Segregated transportation 1880s-1960
-Plessy vs. Ferguson 1896
-Racial zoning 1910-1917
-Racially restrictive covenants 1912-1948
-Segregated public housing 1937-Present

Serial Forced Displacement

-Baltimore church displacement in early 1900s
-Great Migration 1915-1960
-Highway construction thru Black neighborhoods 1930-1970s
-Slum Clearance and Urban -Renewal 1949-1973
-University-led eminent domain 1960s-Present

Physical/Psychological Abuse

-Slavery 1619-1865
-Police Brutality 1865-Present
-Black Codes 1866-1868
-4000+ Lynchings 1877-1950
-White supremacist mob violence during and after Reconstruction
Cities such as:
-Wilmington 1898
-Springfield 1908
-Red Summer 1919
-Tulsa 1921
-Rosewood 1923

Economic Destruction

-The fall of the Freedman's Bank 1865-1874
-Convict Leasing 1846-1950+
-Peonage of Sharecropping 1866-1955
-CPA Discrimination 1887-Present
-Redlining for Mortgages 1933-1968
-FHA Ethnic purity & pro-whiteness clauses 1937-

Cultural Dispossession

-Plantation culture 1619-Present
-Stripping of African names, languages, diet, and culture during American enslavement 1619-1865
-Black neighborhood destruction 1930s-Present

Black Neighborhood/Village
Impacted by America's policies and practices of racism/white supremacy

Lived Experiences

Segregation/Displacement

*Two sides of the street
*Integration is a process

Economic Deprivation

*Whites have the benefits
*Blacks learned to make do
*More than a job

Physical/Psychological Abuse

-Nigger
-Blacks fight back
*Hurt people hurt communities
*The problem with inequality
*Walk the walk and talk the talk

Cultural Dispossession

-Migrate with trauma
-Holding family secrets
-With so much movement, migration, displacement, and diffusion, there are more lost connections
-Less generational/genealogical memory & history that is transmitted
*Not just church but spirit

Intergenerational Transmission

Story Telling

Direct Observation

Behavior Modeling

Neighborhood/Village Condition

Trauma Response

Social Response

Resulting in: breakdown of community/family structures and social networks, loss of resources, separation from loved ones, serial displacement induces root-shock and leads to disintegrated villages, cultural dispossession, loss of social capital and social networks

Psychological Response

Resulting in: anger, aggression, fear, terror, grief, shame, social isolation, race-based trauma, racial-battle fatigue

Physical Response

Resulting in: malnutrition, diabetes, heart disease, infectious diseases, hypertension, cancer, disproportionate morbidity, and health disparities

Note: *Themes that emerged from in depth interviews of Black Baltimore City residents that lived during the transition of segregation to integration policy.

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