

Hunger and the Racial Wealth Divide

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RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE INITIATIVE

The foundation of racial inequality is racialized economic inequality and the foundation of economic inequality is wealth inequality.

Race and Economics in the US

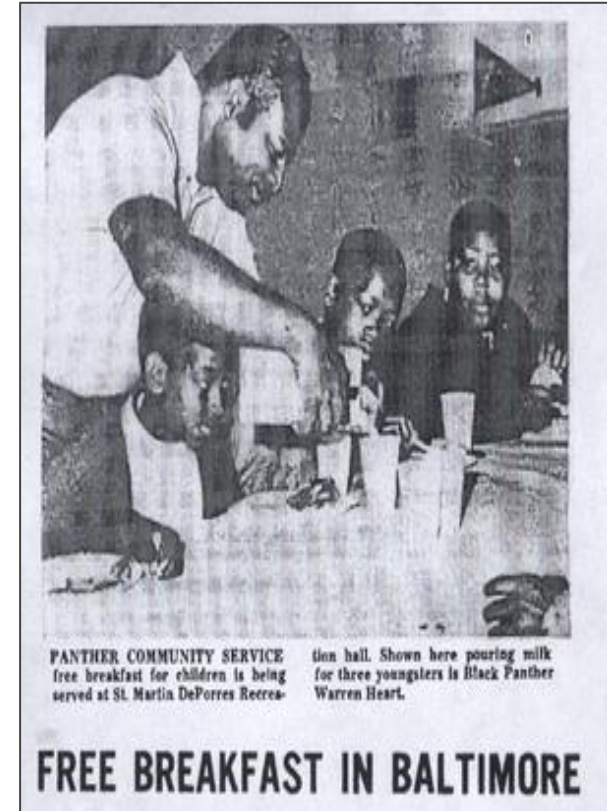
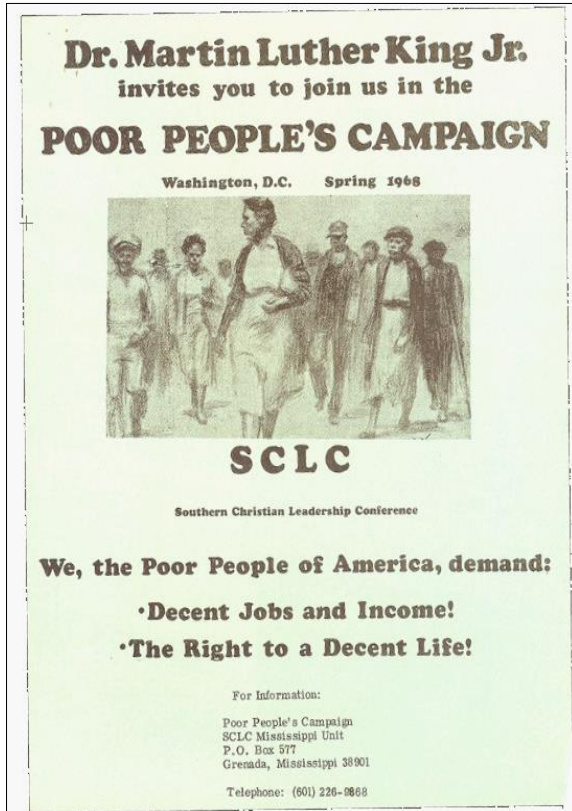
Racial Inequality has always had economic inequality at its foundation.



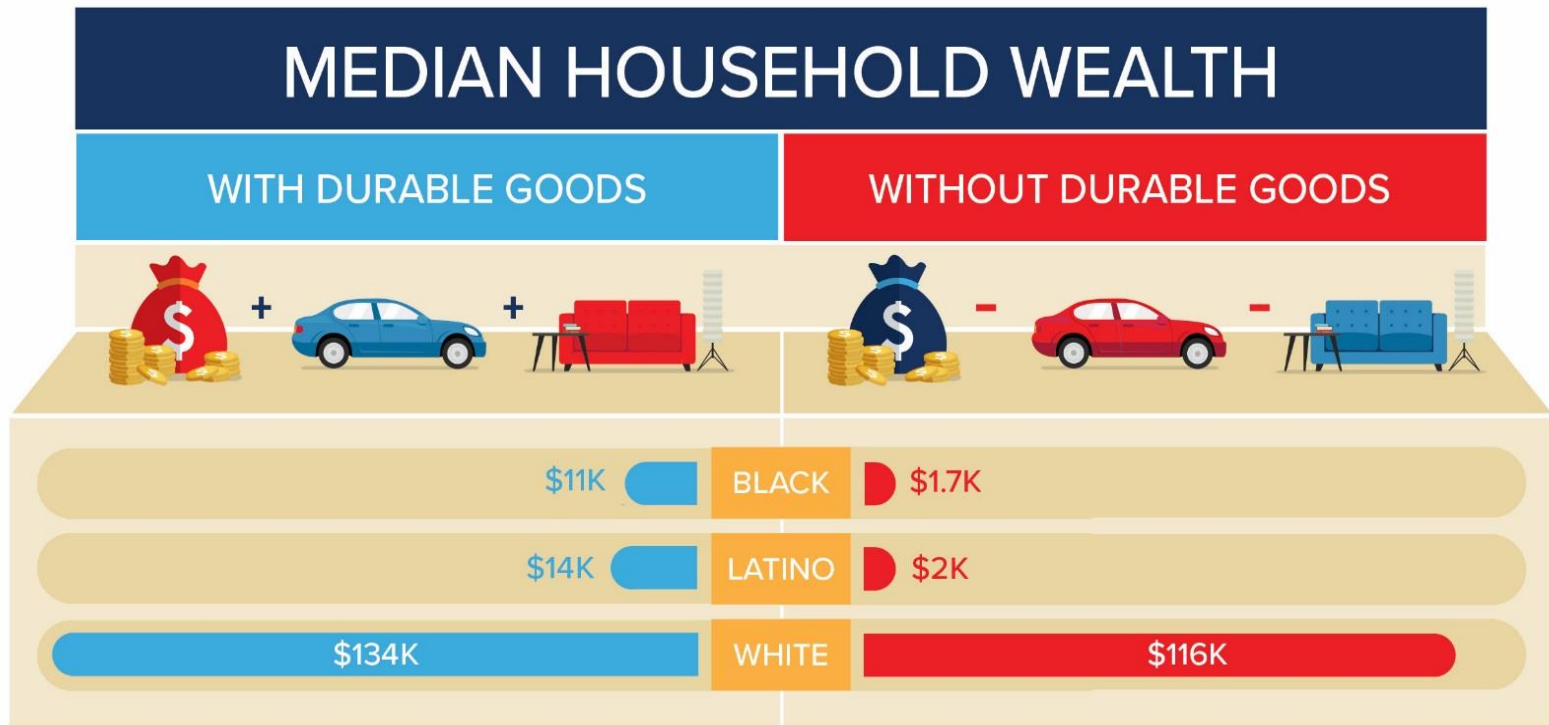
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Goals of The Freedom Budget

1. Abolition of poverty
2. Full employment
3. Full production / high economic growth
4. Adequate minimum wage
5. Farm income parity
6. Guaranteed income for those who can't work
7. Decent homes for all
8. Modern health services for all
9. Full educational opportunity for all
10. Better social security and welfare
11. Equitable tax and money policies



Understanding Wealth



Source: Edward N. Wolff: "Household Wealth Trends In The United States, 1962-2013: What Happened Over The Great Recession?" Figures depicted above are in 2013 dollars.

Wealth and Hunger

- 10% of White households experience hunger
- 22% of Households of color experience hunger

TABLE 1: **People in specific groups and communities are consistently at least twice as likely as the U.S. population as a whole to live below the poverty line and to be food insecure.**

	General Population	Female-Headed Households	African American Households	Native American Households	Latino Households	Undocumented Immigrant Households	Returning Citizens Households
Food Insecurity	12.7 percent	30.3 percent	21.5 percent	23 percent ¹	19.1 percent	24 percent ²	91 percent ³
Poverty	13.5 percent	30.4 percent	24.1 percent	22 percent	21.4 percent	Not Collected by Census	Not Collected by Census

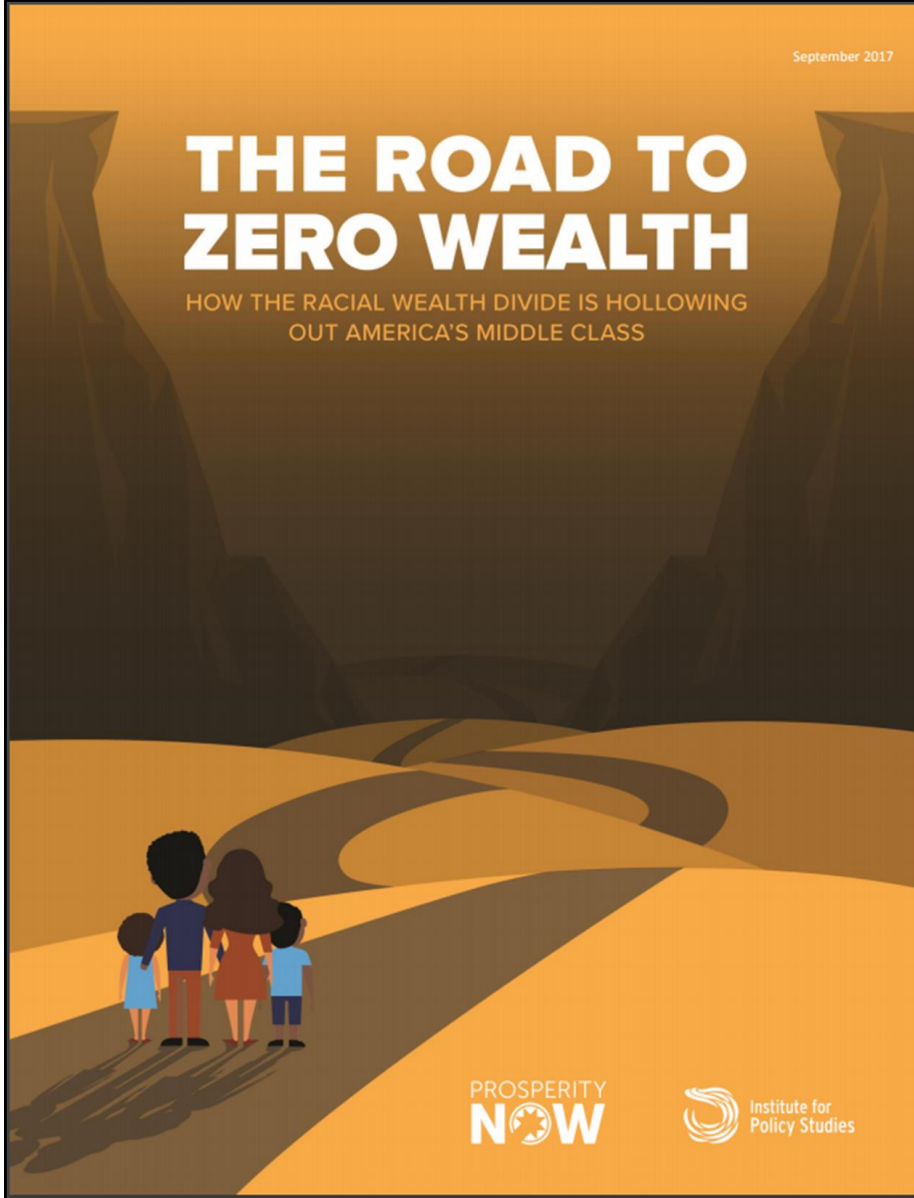
Sources: Households Food Security in the United States in 2015. United States Department of Agriculture. September 2016; Income and Poverty in the United States: 2015. U.S Census Bureau. Issued September 2016.

*Ending U.S. Hunger and Poverty by Focusing on Communities Where it's Most Likely, Marlysa D. Gamblin

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THE ROAD TO ZERO WEALTH

HOW THE RACIAL WEALTH DIVIDE IS HOLLOWING OUT AMERICA'S MIDDLE CLASS



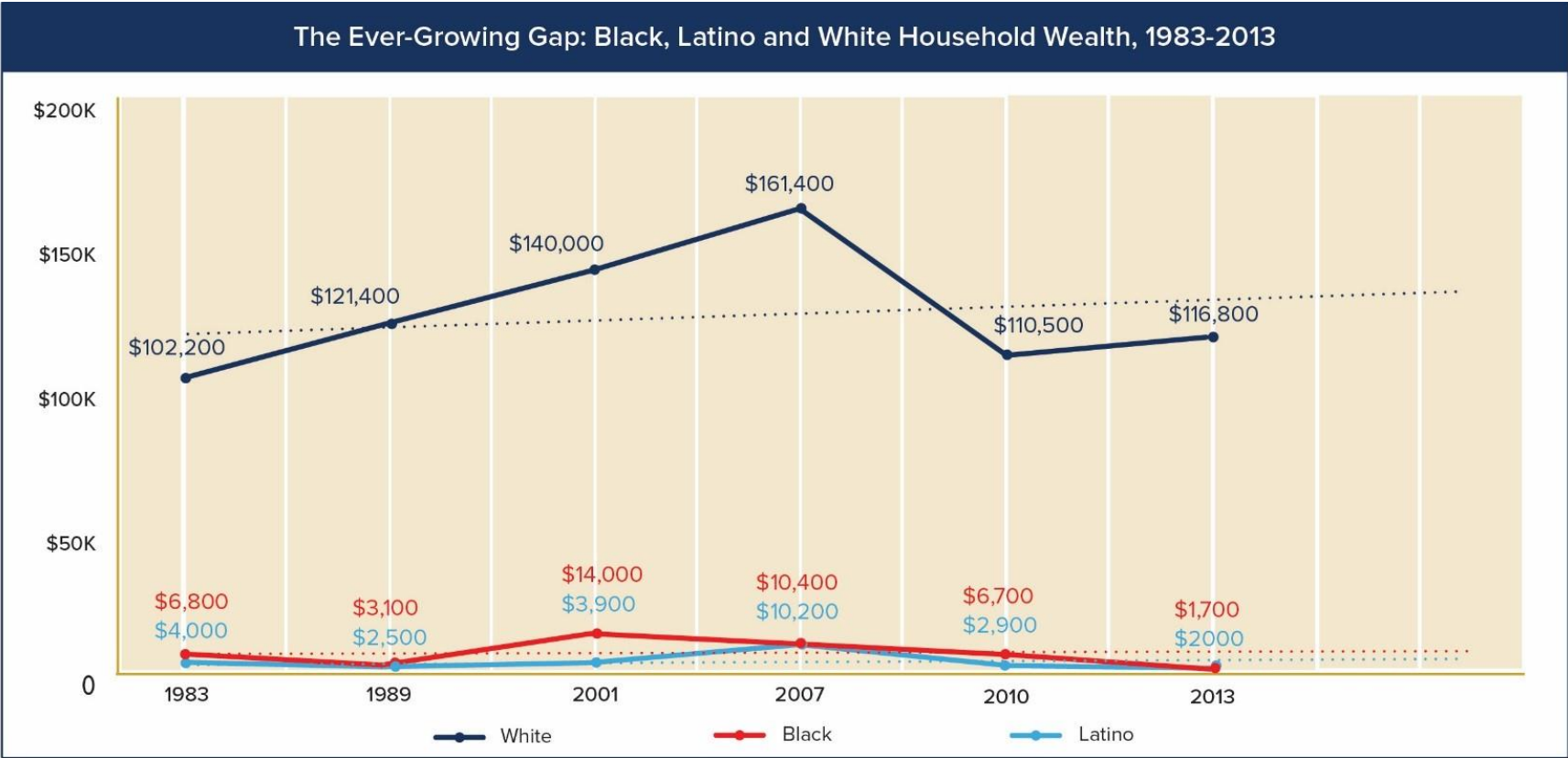
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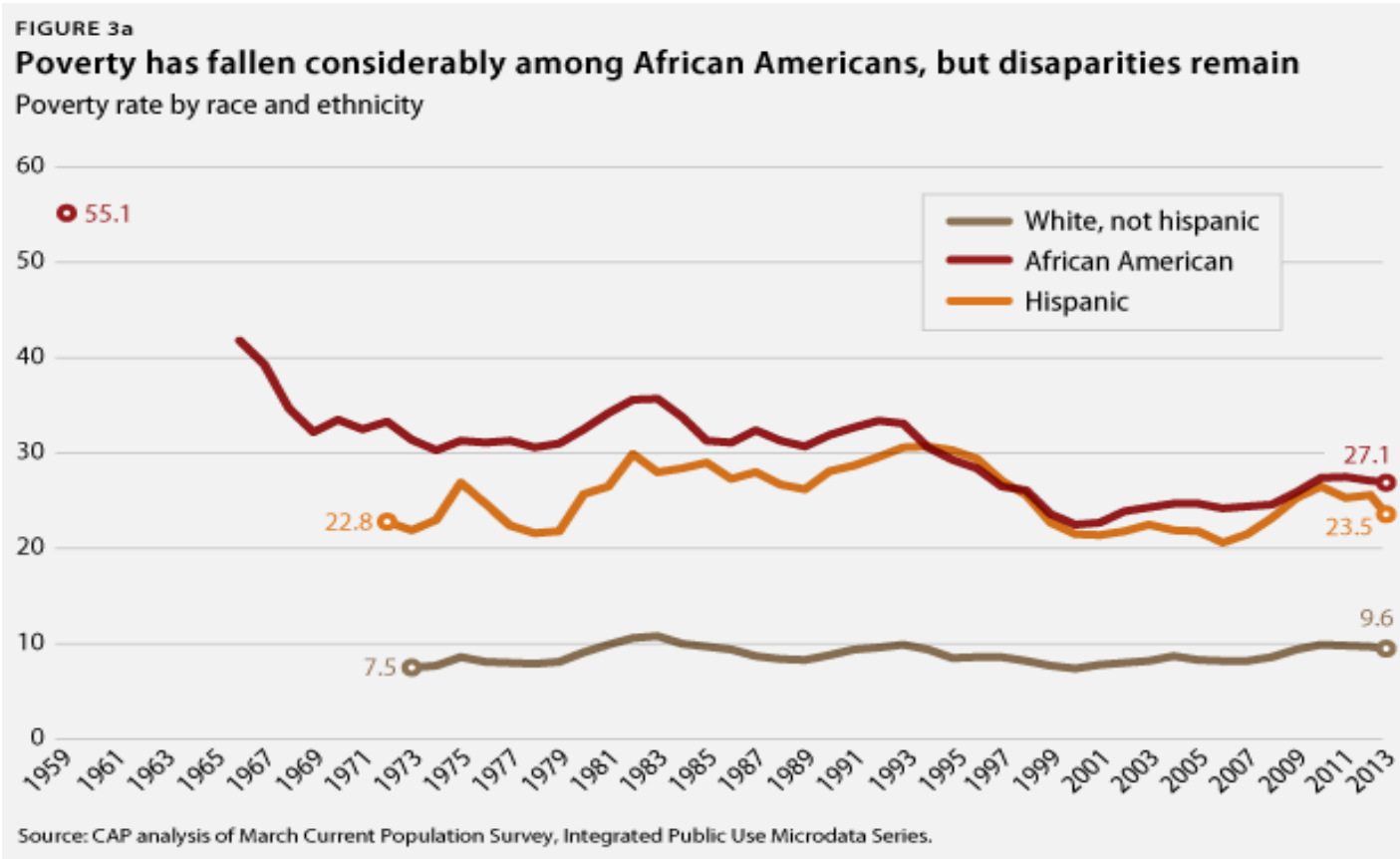
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Three Decades of Black & Latino Wealth Loss



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Poverty has lowered but still disparities



A Minority within a Minority: The Black and Latino Middle Class

Middle-Wealth Economic Security Is Unequally Distributed Along Racial Lines



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2014.

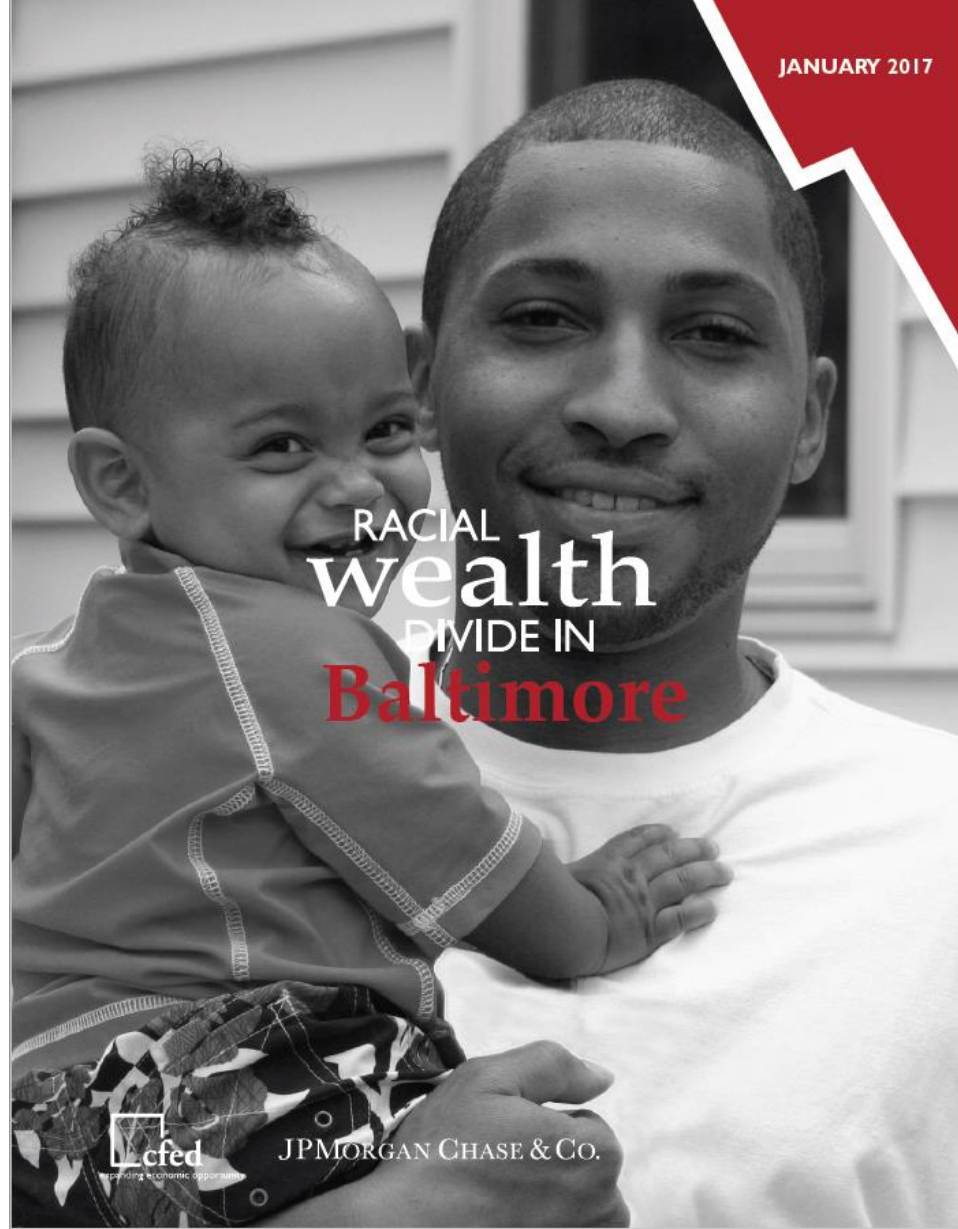
Wealth Building Assets

Categories of Assets or Wealth	<u>Food Security</u>
Housing Employment Income Food Childcare Children's Education Adult Education Health Care ETC. ETC. ETC	Food is essentially an asset that provides security against health issues. Most often, food is thought of as a resource against hunger but increasingly in the United States food must be looked at not just as a tool against hunger but as a tool to prevent the health issues that are related to poor diet.

Strategies to Building Wealth

Action	Definition
Secure	Free from or not exposed to danger, harm
Capitalize	To gain advantage from
Earn	Obtain money in return for labor
Save	Keep and store up for future use
Learn	Gain or acquire knowledge of or skill
Invest	Committing capital or money with expectation of return

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