Racism in Education: The Foundation for all educational gaps

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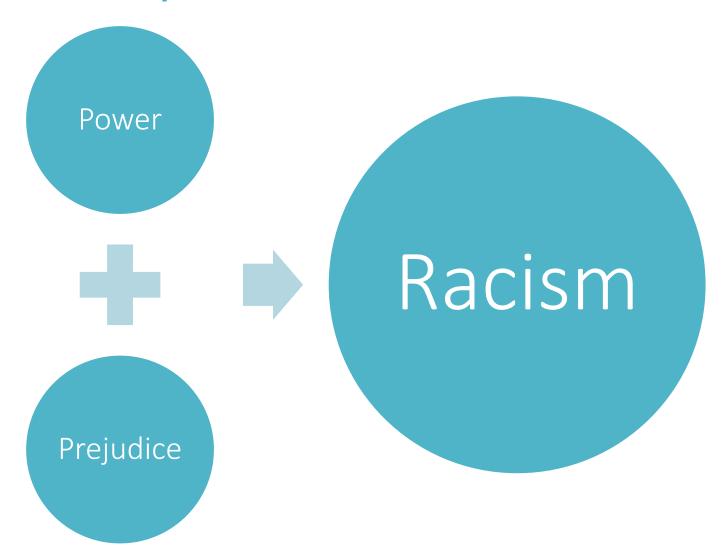
Rac·ism

The belief that all members of each race possess characteristics or abilities specific to that race, especially so as to distinguish it as inferior or superior to another race or races.

A policy, system of government, etc., based upon or fostering such a doctrine; discrimination.

Source: Dictionary.com

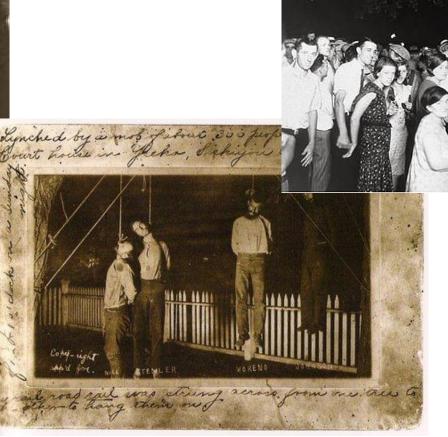
A Simple Way



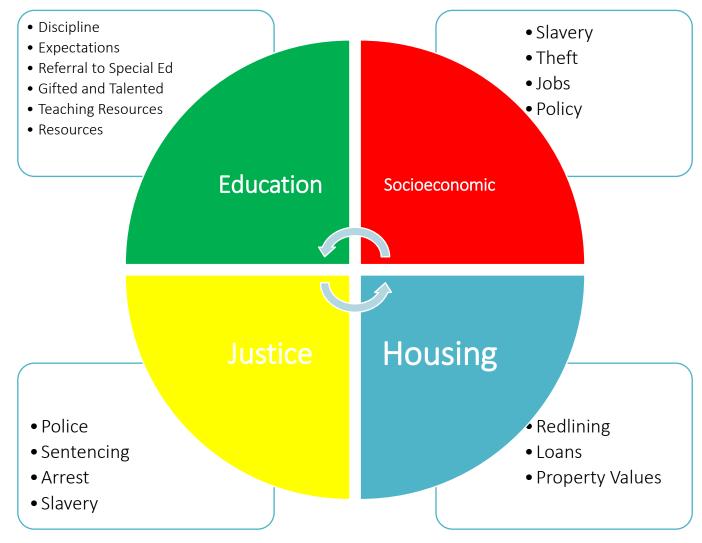
Active Racism



Implicit Bias?



Examples of Subtle Racism Contextualized



ABC's of dropout

A- Attendance

B- Behavior

C- Coursework

Source: (Balfanz, Bridgeland, Moore & Fox, 2010).

C + E = C > ABC's

C- Culture

E- Engagement

C-Connection

Resources



Teacher allocation

Materials- Books, calculators, scientific tools

Coursework- Advanced Placement Course, International Baccalaureate

Gifted and Talented Program/ Materials Buildings







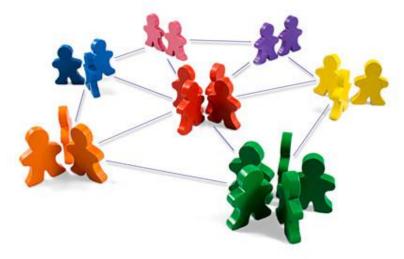
Practices

Teacher Expectations

Referral to Special Education

Referral to Alternative Education

Excessive Disciplinary





The stories behind the data

The numbers

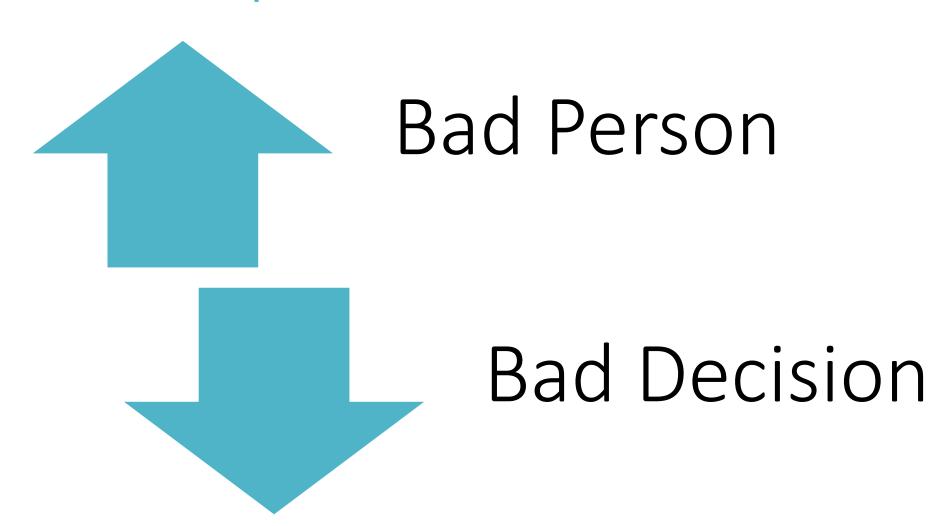
Transition between elementary/ middle and middle/high

Drivers of suspension increases

Use of OSS vs. ISS



Deficit Perspective



African American and Latino students

Athletes



Condemnation













LATINA/LATINO

FEMALE MALE

ELL ELL

hardworking hardworking

TEENAGE MOTHERS STRUGGLE

relationships macho

DON'T VALUE EDUCATION GANGS

WELFARE MUNCHERS

WELFARE MUNCHERS

African American

FEMALE

•ATTITUDE

•tough

•LOUD

challenging

LAZY

MALE

•ATHLETIC

challenging

•THUG

lazy

DEFICITS

ANIMALS

ANIMALS

Ways to eliminate disproportionate discipline

- Monitor data
- Policy
- Create goals around disproportionate discipline
- Acknowledge that you may have race, cultural, or intra-cultural problems and seek help
- Teacher Resiliency
- Relationships
- Include students and parents as part of the solution
- Survey students
- Teach appropriate behavior
- Hold staff accountable
- Higher Expectations

Specific to Public Health Professionals (M.O.S.S.S.T)

Monitor

Outreach

School Based Health Center surveys

School Improvement Teams

Student/ Pupil Services teams

Target

CRASS

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