

DEMOCRACY DAYS 2020

*Vintage Racism:
It's Still Here!*

An examination of systemic racism in the Greater St. Louis Area

Today's Presentation

TOPIC OUTLINE

- What is systemic racism?
- What is the history of racism in St. Louis look like?
- Understanding our boundaries
- BLM in context

What is Systemic Racism?

IS A FORM OF RACISM THAT IS EMBEDDED AS NORMAL PRACTICE WITHIN SOCIETY OR AN ORGANIZATION. IT CAN LEAD TO SUCH ISSUES AS DISCRIMINATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE, EMPLOYMENT, HOUSING, HEALTH CARE, POLITICAL POWER, AND EDUCATION, AMONG OTHER ISSUES. (HEY WIKIPEDIA!)

Kwame Ture

(Formerly known as Stokely Carmichael)

&


**Charles
V. Hamilton**

Black Power

The Politics
of Liberation

With New Afterwords by the Authors

People also ask

What is the bad side of St Louis? 

north side

Located in St Louis's impoverished **north** side, the neighborhood of **College Hill** is known as the most dangerous in the city. Aug 19, 2015

www.theguardian.com › [us-news](#) › [aug](#) › [st-louis-murders...](#)

['We're surrounded by murders': a day in St Louis's most dangerous](#)

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What are the worst neighborhoods in St Louis? 

Most Dangerous Neighborhoods In St. Louis, MO

- Jeffvanderlou. Population 5,076. 69 % ...
- Gravois Park. Population 5,567. 69 % ...
- North Riverfront. Population 1,367. 66 % ...
- **Fairground Neighborhood**. Population 941. 60 % ...
- **Fountain Park**. Population 998. 55 % ...
- **College Hill**. Population 1,326. 55 % ...
- Kingsway West. Population 2,463. 51 % ...
- Mark Twain. Population 4,569. 49 %

[More items...](#)

A simple google search can show you a troubling pattern.

What are the best suburbs of St Louis? 

- **Glendale.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** 7 reviews. ...
- **Clayton.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** 23 reviews. ...
- **Wildwood.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** 85 reviews. ...
- **Warson Woods.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** ...
- **Olivette.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** ...
- **Chesterfield.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** ...
- **Ballwin.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.** ...
- **Creve Coeur.** Suburb of St. Louis, **MO.**

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People also ask

What is the richest part of St Louis?

St. Louis' wealthiest ZIP codes:

- 63131, Town and Country, Frontenac: \$144,159.
- 63038, Glencoe (Wildwood): \$125,441.
- 63141, Creve Coeur: \$110,645.
- 63341, Defiance: \$105,298.
- 63040, Grover (Wildwood): \$103,911.
- 63017, Chesterfield: \$99,099.
- 63025, Eureka: \$98,590.
- 63368, O'Fallon: \$95,774.

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What do these all have
in common?

A Brief History

Source: "The Story of
Segregation in St Louis" ST
LOUIS MAGAZINE

1820 MO COMPROMISE

1821 Missouri enters as slave state.
Prohibits free and black Americans from
living in state.

1858 DRED SCOTT DECISION

Black people are no longer citizens

1863 EMANIPATION PROCLAMATION

1865 13th amendment codifies freedom
into constitutional law

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1913-1916 SEGREGATION

A white committee forms to discuss "legal segregation"

Film *A Birth of a Nation* is shown to support the legislation

1917 BUCHANON V. WARLEY

Supreme court rules law unconstitutional

Replaced with restrictive covenants

Also 1917, East St. Louis Race Massacre

1934 FHA CREATED, BLACK NEIGHBORHOODS GIVEN "D" RATING

Onset of Redlining, Govt. mandated discrimination

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1948 SHELLEY V. CRAMER

St. Louis case; ends legality of restrictive covenants

1940 RIOT AT FAIRGROUNDS
PARK

White residents start riot when black children attempt to swim at Fairgrounds Park

1954 BROWN V. BOARD OF
EDUCATION

Also Frankie Freeman takes St. Louis Housing Authority to court for discrimination and wins

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1956 PRUITT-IGOE COMPLETED

Black neighborhoods are razed for
construction of I-55

Sent with vouchers to Pruitt-Igoe

1963 JEFFERSON BANK PROTESTS

Civil Rights protest against hiring
discrimination

1964 Percy Green and Richard Daly protest
Arch construction for discrimination

1968 JONES V ALFRED H. MAYER
CO.

Racial discrimination in housing declared
illegal

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1978 BLACK JACK DENIES
MULTIRACIAL APARTMENT
COMPLEX

US Court of Appeals reaffirms 1968 Fair
Housing Act

1983 BUSSING FOR INTEGRATION

St. Louis county schools agree to accept
black students from city schools to address
segregation

1993 & 1997 FIRST BLACK
MAYORS

Freeman Bosley Jr and Clarence Harmon
become 1st and 2nd black mayors in
history of St. Louis

Black Lives Matter

2014 DEATH OF MICHAEL BROWN

Happens in the context of a divided city.
Divided reactions to the news.

Triggers the birth of a movement--Black
Lives Matters

Happens in a St. Louis Suburb, but given
the history of this city, Is anyone surprised?

Symbols of Segregation

BARRIERS, GATES, AND RIVERS

Concrete Barriers in Ferguson, Along the Delmar Divide, neighborhoods bordering black communities

Gated Communities blocking off wealthy areas--in black communities (U City)

The Missouri River--blocking expansion of Metrolink & Bi-state Bus

What Can We Do?

"THE ANTIDOTE TO FEEL-GOOD HISTORY IS NOT FEEL-BAD HISTORY, BUT HONEST AND INCLUSIVE HISTORY"
-JAMES LOEWEN

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