Defining Antiblackness

Antiblackness ('an(t)ē, 'an tī - 'blaknəs):

The specific forms of racism that are contingent upon or cast through the denigration, disenfranchisement, and disavowal of people racialized as Black.

The Effect of Antiblackn<u>ess</u>

Antiblackness affects Black people's mental, emotional, psychological, social, and cultural lives across the African diaspora. anti-Black violence can look like "spectacular violence," like lynchings and police violence, and more subtle forms like social exclusion and health outcomes.

Antiblackness is a covert, structural and systemic phenomenon. This form of racism is held in place by anti-Black policies, institutions, and ideologies perpetuated in local, national, and global contexts.



Housing and Antiblackness

Over the last 15 years, Black homeownership has declined more dramatically in the United States than in any other racial or ethnic group. This has an adverse effect that leads to underresourced schools and the closing of local businesses.

Why is this important?

Acknowledging that Black people are disproportionately affected by specific forms of racial discrimination is the key to dismantling hierarchies that contribute to a less just society.

What can we do?

- Join the conversation with millions of others dedicated to dismantling anti-black racism
- Engage in practices that acknowledge anti-Black bias
- Engage with different forms of art that imagine futures and worlds beyond antiblackness

Learn More

<u>Dismantling Anti-blackness In</u> Education Series

Invest in spatial reparations to address past harms caused by targeted disinvestment in Black communities