

THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT

SUCCESSSES of the Civil Rights Movement

Successes The civil rights movement has been, in many ways, successful. Legal segregation has disappeared. Poll taxes, literacy tests that once prevented African Americans from voting have were made illegal. Laws were passed preventing housing discrimination. Each of the following victories were responsible for the new freedoms African Americans had after the movement.

- Integration of busses in Montgomery, AL
- President Eisenhower ordering Federal troops enforcing school desegregation in Little Rock, AK
- Civil Rights Act of 1964
- Voting Rights Act of 1965
- Civil Rights Act of 1968



Pick one of the victories and answer the following questions using your notes and other resources available to you. Be prepared to share with the class.

1. Which victory did you choose? **Answers vary by victory chosen -** _____
2. What actions led to your victory? _____

3. What factors contributed to making it happen? _____

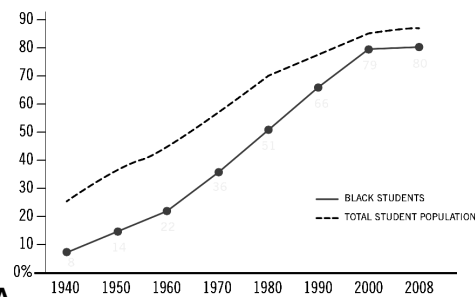
4. What resistance was overcome? How? _____

5. How did it affect everyday people? _____

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Although African Americans have made huge strides in achieving equality, there is still more that remains. Today you will look at information in education, employment and income to see whether African Americans have attained true equality in America. Use the graph to answer questions 6-8.

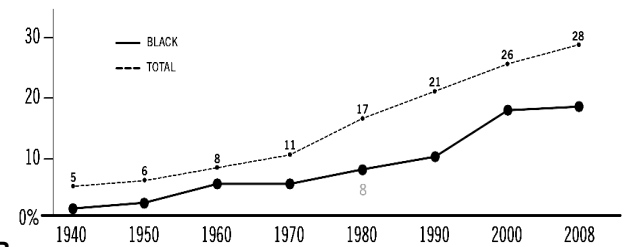
High School Graduation Rates



Graph A

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

Graduates with Bachelor's Degree



Graph B

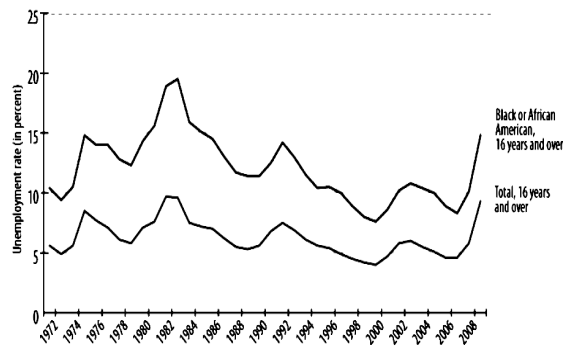
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008 American Community Survey

6. How do graduation rate rates between African Americans and the total American population differ?
African American graduation rate is lower than total Americans
7. What might you infer about employment rates between African Americans and the total American population?
Employment rates may be lower because graduation rates are lower

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Unemployment rate

Unemployment rates, total and black or African American, 16 years and over, 1972-2009, annual averages



Graph C
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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8. What does **graph C** show about unemployment among African Americans compared to unemployment in the total population?

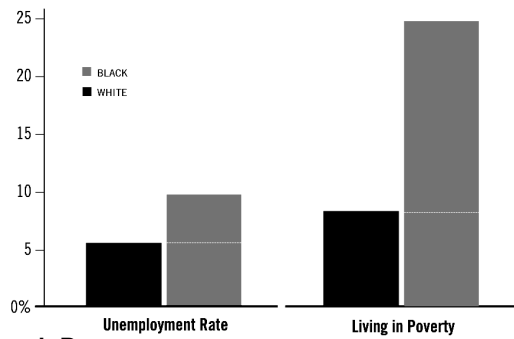
Unemployment rate is higher among African Americans

9. What can you infer about the white population?

White population unemployment rates are lower than African Americans

10. What do you think might account for the difference between the two groups? African Americans have lower education rates than white Americans, thus higher unemployment rates

Economic Data By Race



Graph D

Source: Economic Policy Institute, 2011; U.S. Census, 2007

11. Study **Graph D**. What do the two bars on the left show?

Unemployment rates among African Americans with Bachelors degrees are higher than whites with Bachelor's degrees

12. The two bar graphs on the left show different information than the line graphs about unemployment that you looked at before. How are they different? 1) Shows poverty rates 2) Shows employment by education(Bachelor's degrees)

13. What does the bar graph **(D)** show about the percentage of people with college degrees who are unemployed?

Unemployment among African Americans are even higher when education is considered

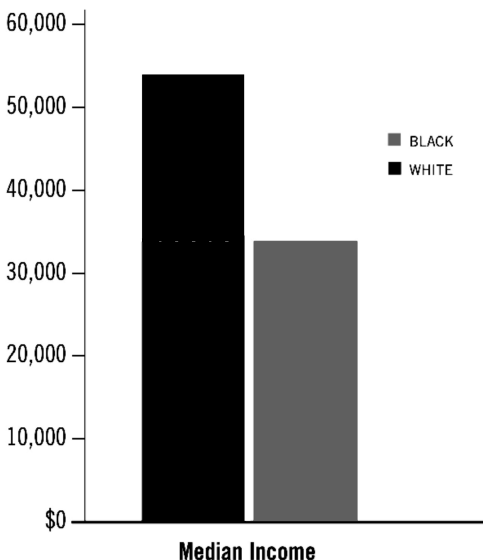
14. Why is there is a difference in the unemployment rate of white people with college degrees and black people with college degrees? Answers may vary. Who knows? racism? or people might just feel more comfortable hiring people like themselves

15. What would you suggest doing now to create equality in unemployment rates?

Answers will vary

16. Finally, look at the graph "Median Income Per Family by Race." What does it show? What does this data suggest to you about the successes of the civil rights movement? What does the data suggest still remains to be done? Shows median income of African Americans are lower than Whites.

Income equality between Blacks and Whites still needs to be addressed.



Source: U.S. Census 2007