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Resident segregation and ongoing poverty has left people of color in some of the least desirable housing in some of the lowest resource communities. This has been going on for decades and there has yet to find a better solution to this. Why do people of color have to deal with the injustice of living in poor living conditions? Especially in New York City. New York is one of the most segregated cities in the country when it comes to housing. I've always been interested in this topic because I am a Hispanic young lady and I know and experienced this. Not only have I experienced it but all my close friends and family have. For years, my family and I have been moving from building to building trying to find safe, clean and affordable apartments but it has always been a struggle. The color of our skin's or where we're from shouldn't determine where and how we should live. Poor living conditions can make people suffer, especially when they have a family. In my research I expect to find reasons and proof as to why there's an injustice in housing for people of color. My hypothesis is that, maybe there hasn't been a real change because not many mayors have really cared and put the effort into making nice and clean homes more affordable for people of color. People of color have been put in poor living conditions and unsafe areas. If I can't find something to support my hypothesis I would rephrase my research question that could help me find better information or I would also change my hypothesis so I can help support it. I strongly believe this injustice could change in the near future and help families live in better conditions and help change our city.

Wackstein, Nancy. "High Rents Supplant Racism in Segregating Neighborhoods ." *EBSCOhost*, web.b.ebscohost.com.citytech.ezproxy.cuny.edu/ehost/detail/detail?vid=12&sid=5ad7d762-565c-44fa-8fba-402719f389bf%40pdc-v-sessmgr05&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWhvc3QtbGl2ZSZZY29wZT1zaXRI#AN=9766792&db=a9h.

Access to housing remains unequal in New York City for over two decades. People of color have troubles finding affordable housing while living in unsafe areas in the city. For decades people of color have been put in poor living conditions. There is also a major disparity between the amount of money that people could afford to spend

on housing. Data shows that white's have better income than hispanics and blacks and they live in better areas. Racism is still an unfortunate problem we still deal with today.

I believe the author's claims are legitimate because the author provides evidence on how people of color have always faced injustice and proves how the color of your skin tone can provide different privileges. I also do have my own question about this injustice. What are ways that there can be a more affordable and clean environment for everyone to live in? I don't understand why the mayor and any government official's won't make a bigger change. Change can make people feel equal and feel comfortable in their own home and help provide better care for their families. To look for better information I will look up how to give families with lower income a better lifestyle and I would also look up how to make people of color not feel isolated from their community. One thing I would say to the author is how can we use our voices to help address this problem that the city has been facing for years. This document helps prove and addresses the issue with housing that our city is facing and that no one has made one big change. The author , Nancy Wackstein show's her perspective into the situation to help readers have a better and personal understanding of the situation. She also expresses her frustration with this situation.

Two quotes from Article that are important : "The report concluded that New York City is one of the most racially segregated metropolitan areas in the nation."

"There is also a major disparity between the amounts of money that people can afford to spend on housing. The median household income of whites in New York City is \$50,730. That number is much lower for Hispanics and Blacks — only \$27,757 and \$31,058 respectively. This huge economic gap severely limits what people can afford to spend and rent, and as a result, where people can afford to live."

Argeros,Grigoris "Housing Turnover and the Persistence of Racial/Ethnic Segregation in New York City"05

The article regarding housing inequality shows how New York City still remains one of the most segregated cities in America. The author argues how the city puts a barrier between neighborhoods in the city. Argeros, mentions that the city denies black and hispanic's to live in areas where whites predominate. He also feels like the city provides better opportunities and living lifestyles to whites more than minorities. His studies showed that racial segregation persists because an African American or hispanic household has less resources, such as income and education than a white household. Argeros also states that hispanics and blacks experience more maintenance deficiencies. The article proves this by comparing how whites will live in better living conditions than a person of color. As a result the author feels like a person of color can't afford better housing due to those reasons.

The author's article provided informative information about the injustice that has been going on for years in New York City. The claims that Argeros states are legitimate because he also expresses his frustration with the city on how they separate people of color and whites to certain areas. He expresses how he feels that is not right and there should be change. I completely agree with the author. There shouldn't be segregation among neighborhoods and what type of buildings they should live at. All New Yorkers deserve the right to live in a high end apartment in a safe neighborhood with resources. Some questions I have is what does the city benefit from separating people of color? Why is it even a type of rule that hispanic's and blacks have no choice but to live in poor neighborhoods with poor resources and maintenance. Also what are ways to help raise minimum wages for black and hispanics? It's important because this could help give them better income and could help increase chances of better living for minorities. After understanding this article, I would keep researching what are ways to help make more affordable but high end apartments for New Yorkers. Also what are ways to keep people out of poverty in New York. This article helps show readers that this injustice has been going on for years and there hasn't been any significant changes. This article helps prove that my research question is a topic that still is going on today and it's being affected by millions.

Two quotes: “New York is one of the most segregated areas in the country ([36]).
“Household race/ethnicity Given the limited preferences of nonblacks, and especially whites, for residence among many black neighbors, many white home seekers may consciously avoid searching for homes in areas with large black subpopulations.”

Vargas, Joselin. Personal Interview. Manhattan, New York. 22 Oct 2020. (non-print source)

As I interviewed a close friend of mine, she told me the struggles of finding affordable housing in New York City. She told me that being hispanic makes it even more of a struggle. She continued to explain how she was raised in the projects in New York. Where she currently lives is a type of housing development made for families of lower income. She also lives in an area where it's mainly expensive housing and mainly household's with higher income. She explains to me her frustration and feels discriminated against in her own neighborhood. During our interview she expresses how she wishes that she was able to live in higher end apartments like the one's surrounding her and wishes those types of homes were allowed for everyone. She also states that hispanics and blacks are put in limited buildings and poor living conditions and she feels isolated among her community. She also goes on by saying that she hopes one day there would be affordable and high end apartments available in the future even for families with low/moderate household incomes.

The most important part of my interview with her is when she expressed how she lives in poor living conditions due to her race. I believe her claim is legitimate because it proves the racial disparity going on in the city. It shows how many new yorkers desire change among their living lifestyles. One thing I don't understand is why can't the mayor make housing more affordable for families with lower income. It could decrease poverty among the city and have new yorkers living in better lifestyles. One thing I would say to the person I interview is what can you do to help get her message across? Do you think protesting is a helpful way to have many people who can relate to her come together? This interview tells about my research, that this is a major issue. Many new yorkers feel

like they are being treated negatively. This interview helped me get a better understanding of this situation. I witnessed real emotions from her to help prove how this affected individuals. Racial disparity still remains in the city even after decades. It's never too late for change and equality in housing.

Important parts of the interview:

- "hispanics are put in limited and poor housing conditions"
- " hopes one day there would be affordable and high end apartments available in the future"

Lastly, after doing this research I've learned that this has been going on for decades and it was never really covered in the media to spread awareness. What truly surprised me during my research is that the huge economic gap severely limits what people can afford and how to pay for rent also how New York City is one of the most segregated cities in America, when it comes to housing. Hispanic's and blacks make up for a huge percentage of people in poverty. While researching I didn't change my mind about this topic because it gave me more reasons as to why I want to go more further in my topic and express more about the injustice and ways to change it. This research helped give me more evidence for readers to have a better understanding. My topic is a very important discovery for not only myself but for future generations. It's important because if any changes can be made, it can help future generations have a better living. People feeling safe in their homes and neighborhood is very important. No one deserves to feel less than others or forced to live in poor living conditions. This is also important because I personally know people who live in bad areas in the city and struggle making it out of it. Since I've witnessed the struggle I feel it's important to have someone with power to create change for our city. Who I think needs to know more about this is the mayor. Mayor's could definitely help make a huge impact in our community and city. The mayor could definitely make a plan to help hispanics and black people have better homes. If people would come together and help get this message across there could be better change and affordable housing for everyone. The mayor of New York City and the governor could use their power to create change. They are the ones who could really change our city. Clean and safe housing should be available for

everyone. There shouldn't be a gap and it's important to make everyone feel equal. It has been a little over 50 years and there still has been no drastic change in our city. In conclusion, I have learned many useful information that has helped me discover more about my topic and helped prove that many new yorkers have dealt with this situation for decades and have always been frustrated with this injustice.