

Equitable Wealth in Historic Context

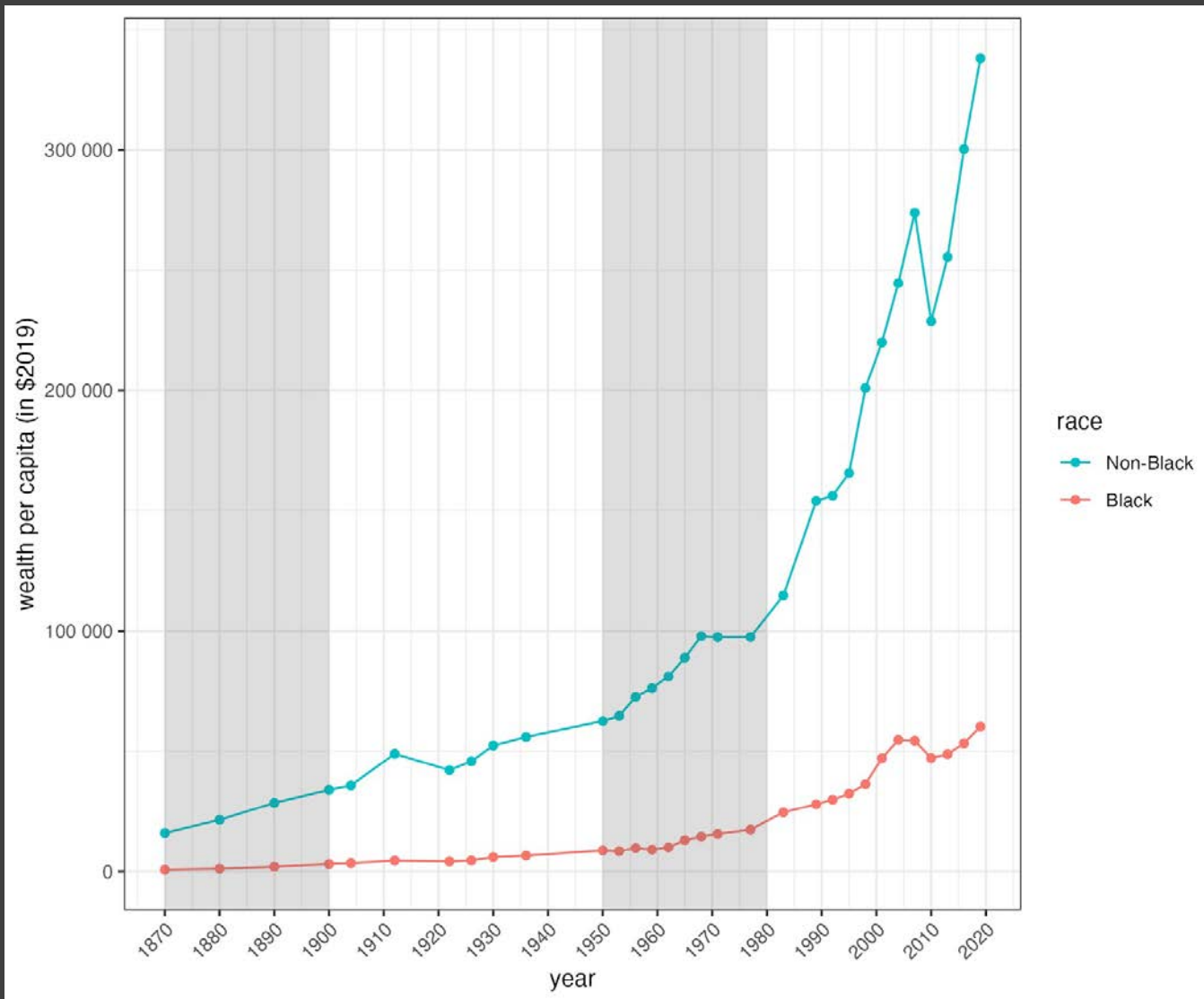
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Benefits of Wealth

- Security
- Freedom
- Power/Influence



Wealth Per Capita by Race

Data Source: Derenoncourt et al. (2022)

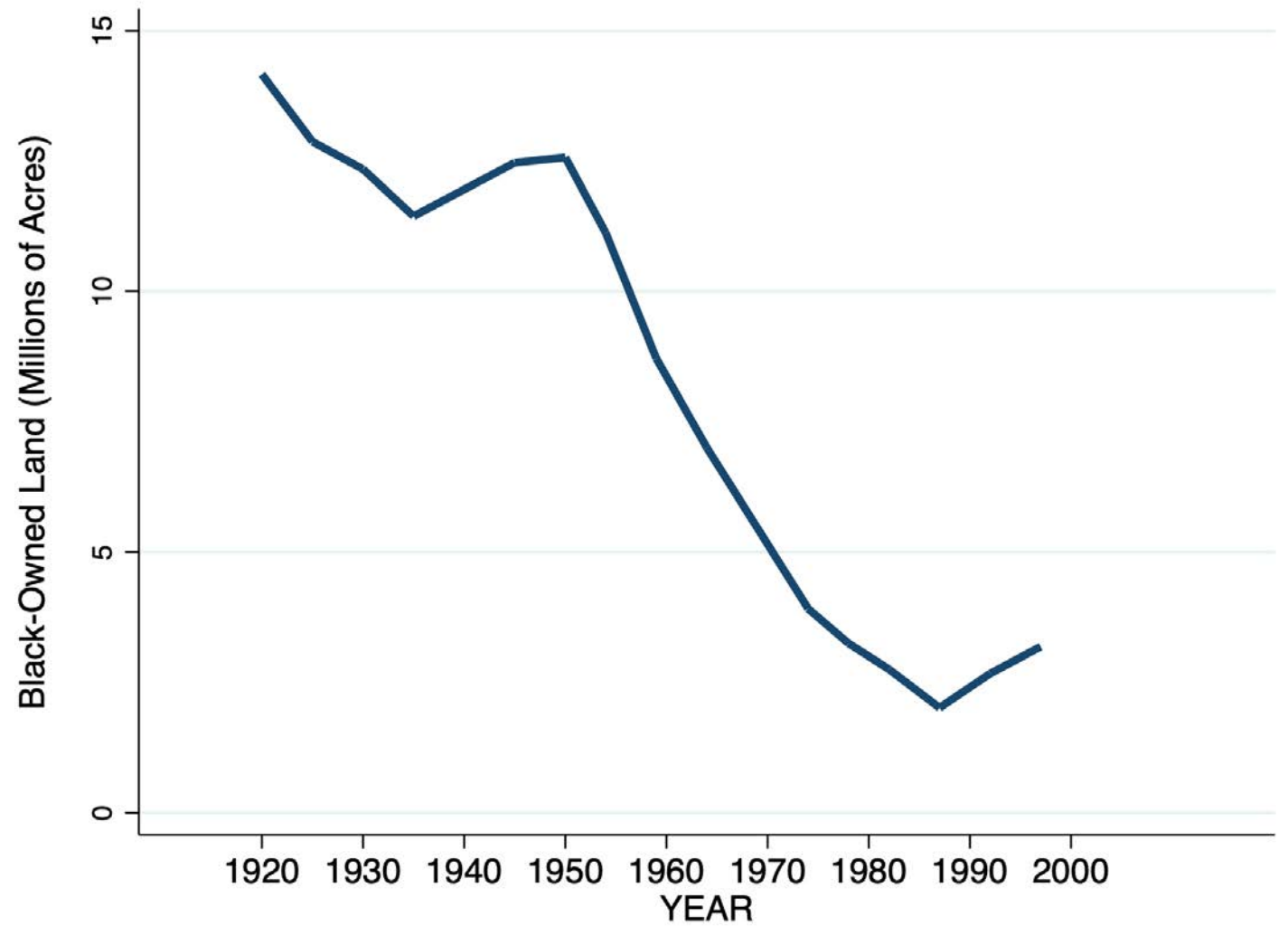
Black Land Loss



Acquisition & Dispossession

The image is a landscape photograph used as a background for a title. It is split vertically: the left half shows a vibrant, healthy green field of tall grass, while the right half shows a stark, brown, and cracked dry earth. The horizon line is low, and the sky above is filled with large, dramatic clouds. The left side of the sky is a clear blue, while the right side is a hazy, golden-yellow, suggesting a low sun or sunset. The title 'Acquisition & Dispossession' is centered horizontally across the middle of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

Decline in Black Owned Acreage



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RACE, GENDER, AND FINANCIAL WELL-BEING[‡]

Black Land Loss: 1920–1997[†]

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Estimated Loss



\$326 Billion



Range of \$265 Billion - \$359 Billion

Intergenerational Transmission of Wealth



New Deal Social Welfare Legislation - Social Security Act of (1935)

Social Security for the elderly and disabled

- Domestic and farm workers excluded (65% of Black workers)

Aid to Dependent Children (ADC)

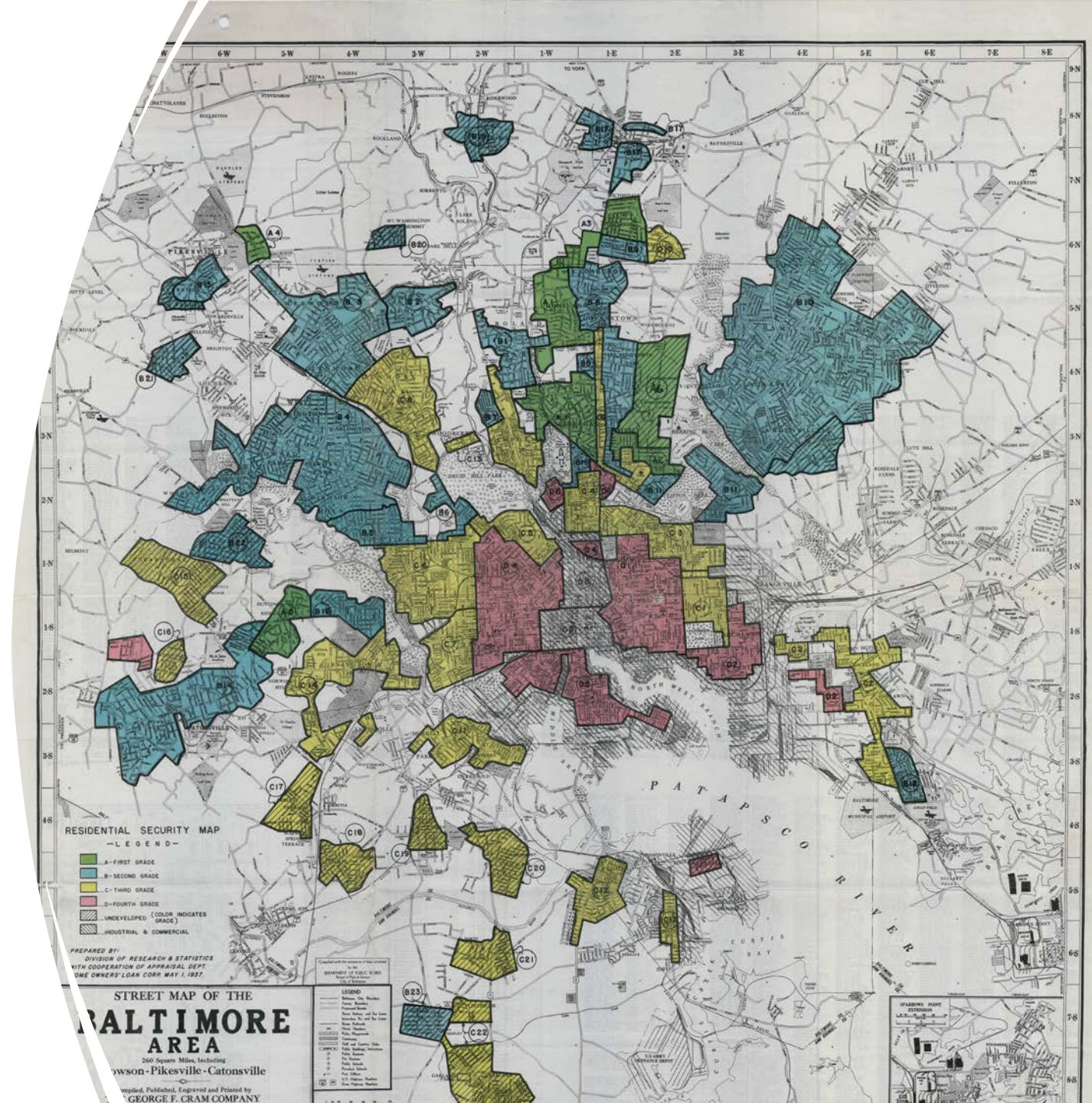
- Local administration – can restrict funding to “suitable” homes

Unemployment Insurance

- Domestic and farm workers excluded. Prior regular, stable employment required

Housing Market Discrimination

- Restrictive Covenants
- Redlining
- Blockbusting
- Violence and Intimidation



An aerial photograph of a complex multi-level highway interchange. The interchange features several overpasses and ramps, with cars and trucks visible on the roads. Large, lush green trees are interspersed throughout the interchange area, creating a park-like environment. In the upper right corner, there are several tall, modern apartment buildings. The overall scene suggests a blend of urban infrastructure and green space.

Urban Renewal

Ongoing...

New York Accuses Evans Bank of Redlining

By JESSICA SILVER-GREENBERG SEPTEMBER 2, 2014 12:01 AM 72 Comments



LONG ISLAND DIVIDED

By Ann Choi, Keith Herbert, Olivia Winslow
and project editor Arthur Browne

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A Black couple had a White friend show their home and its appraisal rose by nearly half a million dollars



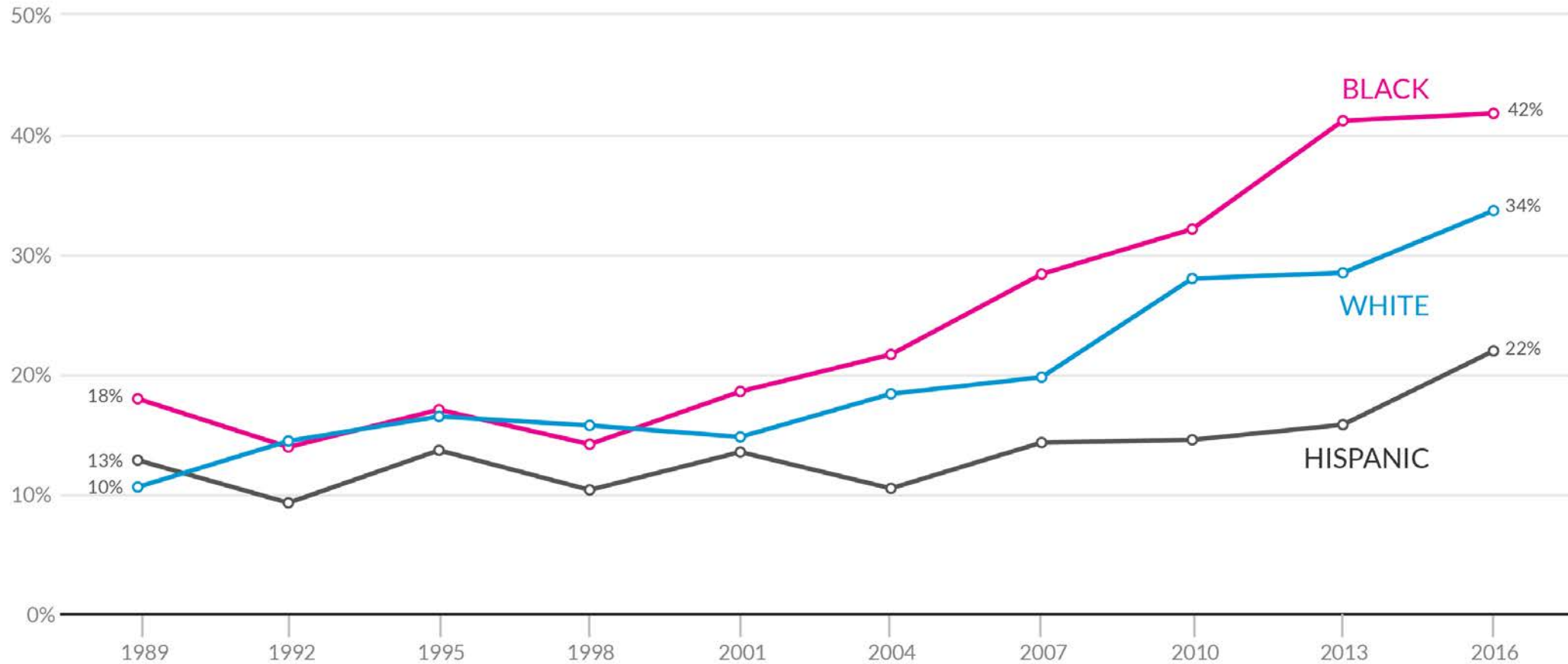
By Joe Johns, Laura Robinson and Nicole Chavez, CNN

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Myths about Closing Racial Wealth Gaps

- Education and Employment
- Buying and Banking Black
- Entrepreneurship
- Financial Literacy

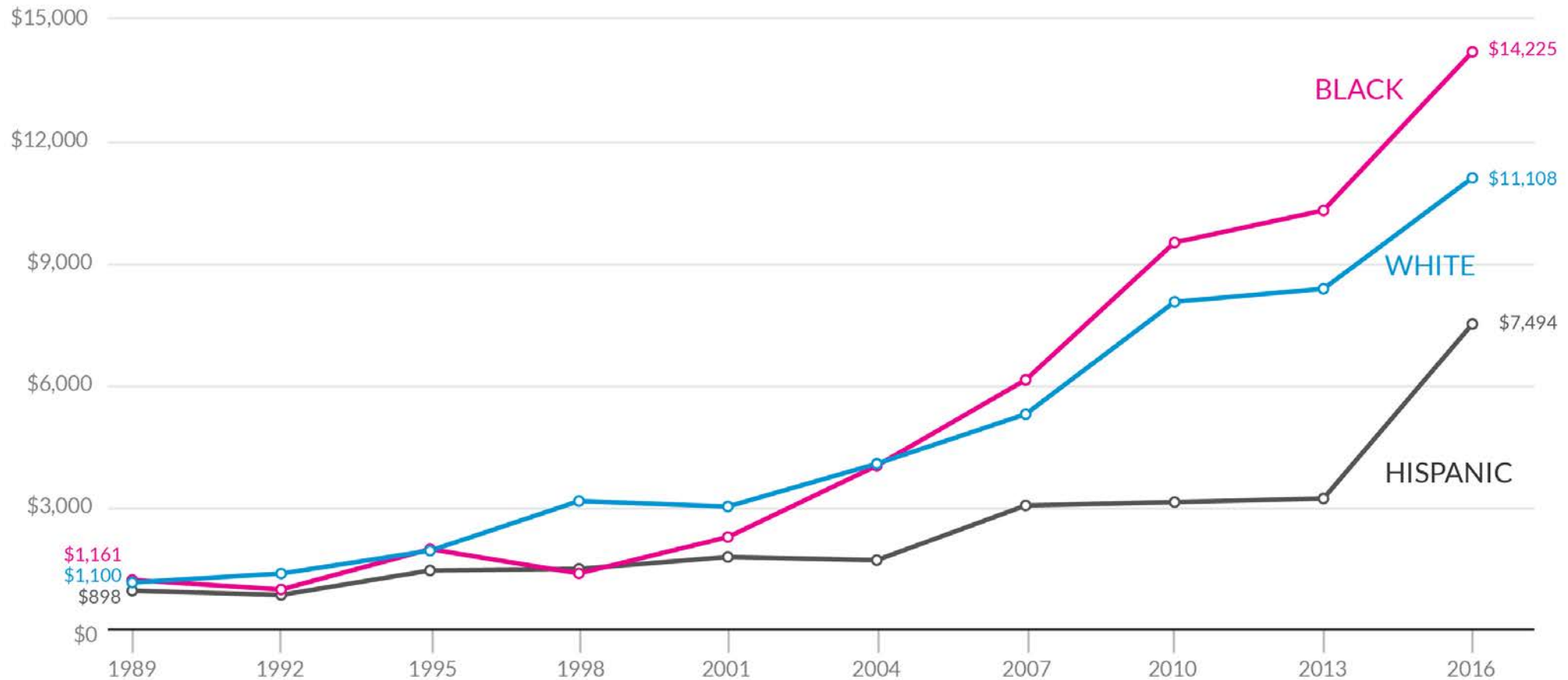
Share of Families with Student Loan Debt for Those Ages 25–55, 1989–2016



Source: Urban Institute calculations from Survey of Consumer Finances 1983–2016.

Note: Age is defined as the age of the household head.

Average Family Student Loan Debt for Those Ages 25–55, 1989–2016



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Paths Forward

Thank You!

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