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Social Stratification

Exercise 5: Black wealth/white wealth and the value of homes in different neighborhoods

1) Choose a city in the country where you have lived or where you would like to live. (It could be where you grew up.)
2) Look at the maps in the link below. Find two neighborhoods. One neighborhood should be predominantly white. One neighborhood should be predominantly black
3) Look for a comparable house in both neighborhoods. What is the value of the house?

To find the distribution of neighborhoods by race, look here:

"This map is an American snapshot; it provides an accessible visualization of geographic distribution, population density, and racial diversity of the American people in every neighborhood in the entire country." - [http://www.coopercenter.org/demographics/Racial-Dot-Map](http://www.coopercenter.org/demographics/Racial-Dot-Map) (click on the full screen map, be sure to add map labels). It will provide an overview of communities by race.

To find the value of houses for sale, look at www.Trulia.com or Zillow.com

Turn in the sheet below. As you see, you will report the name of the city, the areas you investigated, and the price of the two houses in a white neighborhood and a predominantly black neighborhood.

Write a paragraph where you discuss the implications of these price differentials for the accumulation of wealth and the transmission of advantage for white and black families.
Name:_________________________________________

City where you did this exercise: _______________________________________

Name of predominantly white neighborhood: ____________________________

Name of predominantly black neighborhood: ____________________________

House in white neighborhood: URL link and short description including cost:

Comparable house in black neighborhood: URL link and short description including cost:

What did you find? Did you find a difference in the price of homes in these neighborhoods?

Write a paragraph where you discuss the implications of these price differentials for the accumulation of wealth and the transmission of advantage for white and black families.