

How structural racism works - racist policies as a root cause of U.S. racial health inequities.

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[Structural racism](#) affects both population and individual health. This article proposes four key areas in which the medical and public health communities can contribute in order to change policy and social norms: documenting the [impact](#) of racism on health; improving the collection and availability of race and ethnicity [data](#); turning the lens to [themselves](#); and, acknowledging that structural racism has been challenged by mass social movements.