

**WHO IS MOST AFFECTED?**

THE EPA REPORT FROM 2018 CONCLUDED THAT BIPOC ARE MUCH MORE LIKELY TO LIVE NEAR POLLUTED AREAS.

LEAD POISONING IMPACTS CHILDREN OF COLOR MORE OFTEN, HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY LOCATED IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND ACCESS TO CLEAN AIR VARIES ALONG RACIAL LINES.

LOW-WEALTH COMMUNITIES AND COMMUNITIES OF COLOR LIVE, WORK, OR ATTEND SCHOOL NEAR SOURCES OF HARMFUL ENVIRONMENTAL CONTAMINATION - FACTORIES AND POWER PLANTS, HIGHWAYS AND CONGESTED ROADS, LEAD-CONTAMINATED BUILDINGS AND HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES.

**SACRIFICE ZONES:**

**MAJORITY, MINORITY, LOW-INCOME NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE SUPER POLLUTERS OPERATE BELOW THE RADAR, IMPOSING ENORMOUS HEALTH BURDENS ON POPULATIONS WITH LITTLE POWER TO RESIST.**

**BLACK PEOPLE ARE EXPOSED TO ABOUT 1.5 TIMES MORE PARTICULATE MATTER THAN WHITE PEOPLE. HISPANICS HAD ABOUT 1.2 TIMES THE EXPOSURE OF NON-HISPANIC. PEOPLE IN POVERTY HAD ABOUT 1.3X MORE EXPOSURE THAN PEOPLE ABOVE POVERTY.**

**NON-HISPANIC WHITES HAD THE LOWEST EXPOSURE RATES FOR 11 OF THE 14 POLLUTANTS MONITORED IN THE STUDY. HISPANICS HAD THE HIGHEST EXPOSURE RATES FOR 10 OUT OF THE 14 POLLUTANTS. A 30-YEAR DEMOGRAPHIC STUDY FOUND THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE WITHIN 1.86 MILES OF TOXIC WASTE FACILITIES IN THE UNITED STATES ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR. PERHAPS THE MOST POWERFUL EXAMPLE OF THIS INEQUITY IS THE COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN NEW ORLEANS THAT WERE AFFECTED BY HURRICANE KATRINA. BLACK HOMEOWNERS RECEIVED \$8,000 LESS IN GOVERNMENT AID THAN WHITE HOMEOWNERS DUE TO DISPARITIES IN HOUSING VALUES. AFRICAN AMERICANS MAKE UP THREE-QUARTERS OF THE TOWN'S POPULATION AND NEARLY 40% OF THE RESIDENTS LIVE IN POVERTY.**

**HOW CAN PEOPLE REACT ACCORDINGLY?**  
(INTERSECTIONAL ENVIRONMENTALISM)

1. **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICES AND RACISM**
  - A. EMPHASIZE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF DATA
  - B. THERE IS SYSTEMIC RACISM WITHIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT
  - C. "THIS LARGE OVERSIGHT LEAVES MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES MOST AT THREAT WITH THE IMPACTS OF THE CLIMATE CRISIS."
2. **RAISING UNHEARD VOICES (INTERSECTIONAL ADVOCATE)**
  - A. SHARING CONTENT FROM BIPOC COMMUNITIES ON SOCIAL MEDIA
  - B. VOTING FOR LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS WHO RECOGNIZED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS BUT ALSO RECOGNIZE MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES BEING MUTUALLY INCLUSIVE
  - C. POLICYMAKERS ALREADY HAVE THE TOOLS TO ADDRESS THIS INJUSTICE AND TO DEVELOP POLICIES WITH COMMUNITIES OF COLOR IN MIND
3. **LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT IN THE '60S AND '70S**
  - A. UNLEARN THE ONE-SIDED HISTORY TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE THEY ARE PRIMARILY DONE FROM THE WHITE EXPERIENCE... THE WHITE ELITIST... THE WHITE RECREATIONALIST.

**WE ARE ALL IN THIS MESS TOGETHER.**

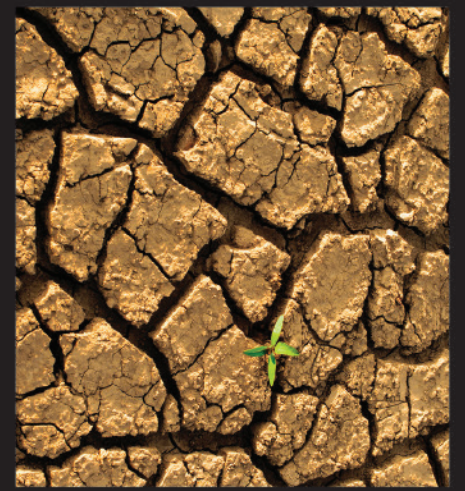
**THERE IS UNITY IN DIVERSITY AND WE NEED TO HELP PULL OUR PEOPLE OUT OF THE MARGINS BEFORE WE ALL SUCCUMB TO THE ENVIRONMENT'S TIPPING POINTS.**

**NOW IS THE TIME FOR CHANGE.**

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**NEW ENVIRONMENTALISM**