

# AMERICAN PUBLIC SQUARE

## OVERCOMING DISCRIMINATION

### FACT SHEET

- 57% of young people say they experienced or saw someone targeted or treated unfairly because of their race or ethnicity in the last 12 months. [Source](#)
- 80% of black, 55% of Asian/Pacific Islander, and 52% of Hispanic young people say race relations are a critical concern. [Source](#)
- In 2017: [Source](#)
  - 57% of black men and 44% of black women said they had personally experienced racial discrimination when interacting with police.
  - 54% of African Americans said they were discriminated against by police “often.” [Source](#)
  - 61% of African Americans said they believed police are more likely to use unnecessary force on a black person. [Source](#)
  - 46% of African American said they were discriminated against in terms of pay and promotion. [Source](#)
  - 54% of black men and 39% of black women said they experienced discrimination when trying to buy or rent a house.
  - 24% of black men and 14% of black women said they experienced discrimination when trying to vote or participate in politics.
- 60% of white, 68% of Hispanic, 78% black, and 84% Asian young people said they believe the media portrays black Americans in ways to promote negative stereotypes. [Source](#)
- In 2017, two-thirds of Muslims in the U.S. (67%) said the country needs to continue making changes to give blacks equal rights with whites.
  - 71% of Muslims in the U.S. said that there is a lot of discrimination against black people in the country.
  - 20% of U.S. Muslims identify racially as black and 3% identify as Hispanic.
- 84% of young people say that Muslims face a lot of discrimination in the U.S. today. [Source](#)
- Almost half of white young men (48%) say efforts to increase diversity harm white people. [Source](#)
- More than 1 in 3 white young people believe “reverse” discrimination is a serious problem. [Source](#)
- 90% of young people say Americans are very or somewhat divided by race. [Source](#)
- In 2015: [Source](#)
  - 20% of Hispanics said they were denied a job they were qualified for due to discrimination.
  - 13% of Hispanics said they were denied a house they could afford due to discrimination.
  - 49% of blacks and 44% of Hispanics said their race or ethnic background was accurately portrayed in TV and movies only “some of the time.”
  - 54% of blacks and 24% of Hispanics said their race was a disadvantage.