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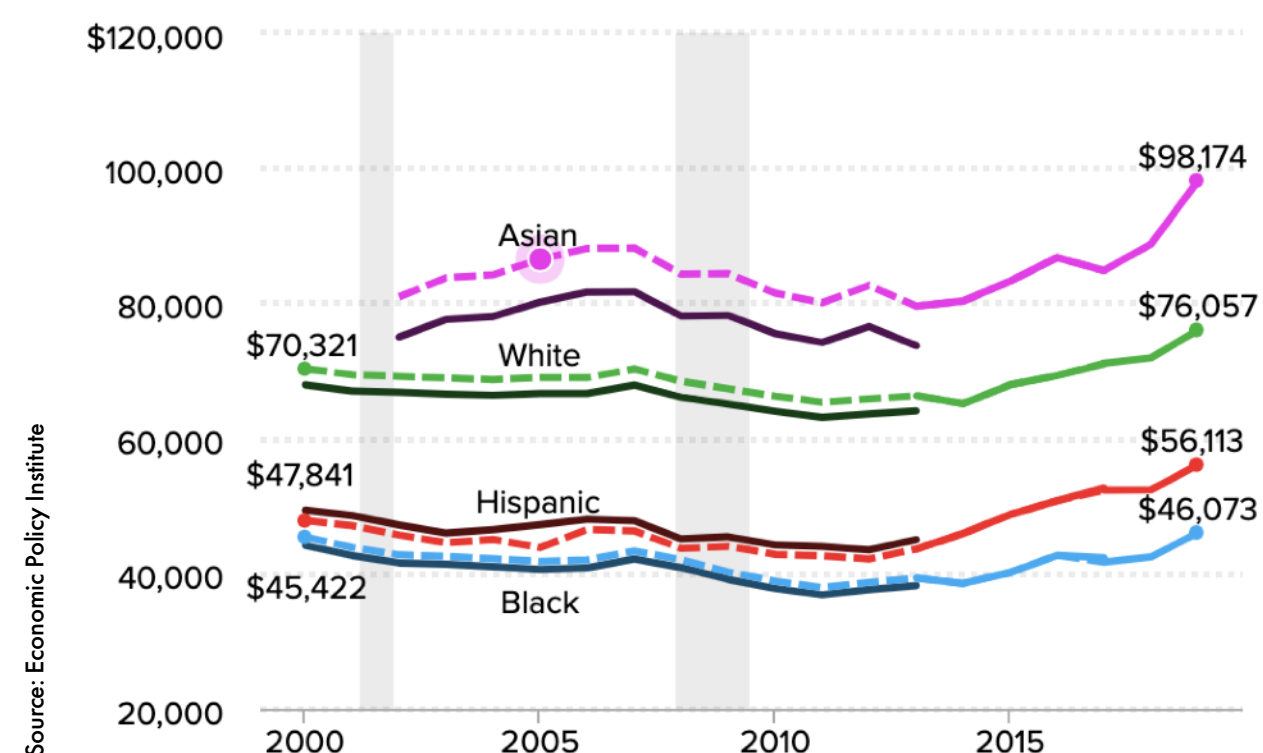
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#COLININBLACKANDWHITE

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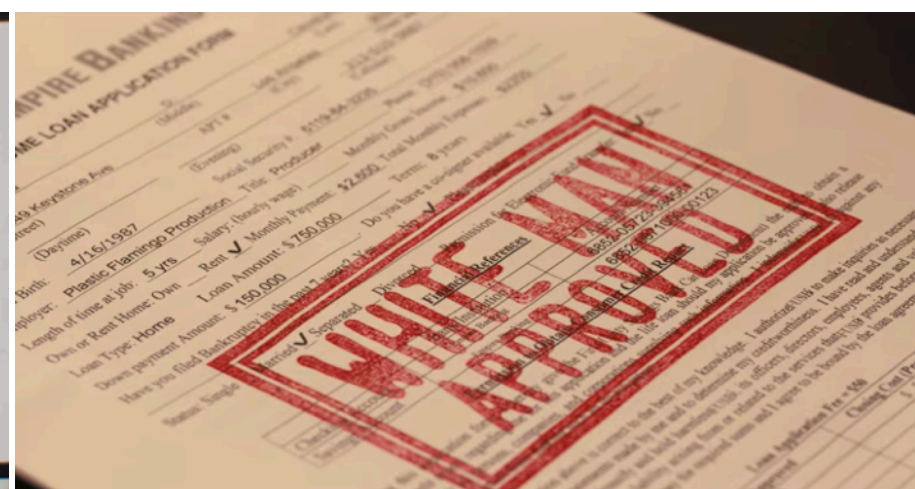
Real median household income by race and ethnicity, 2000–2019



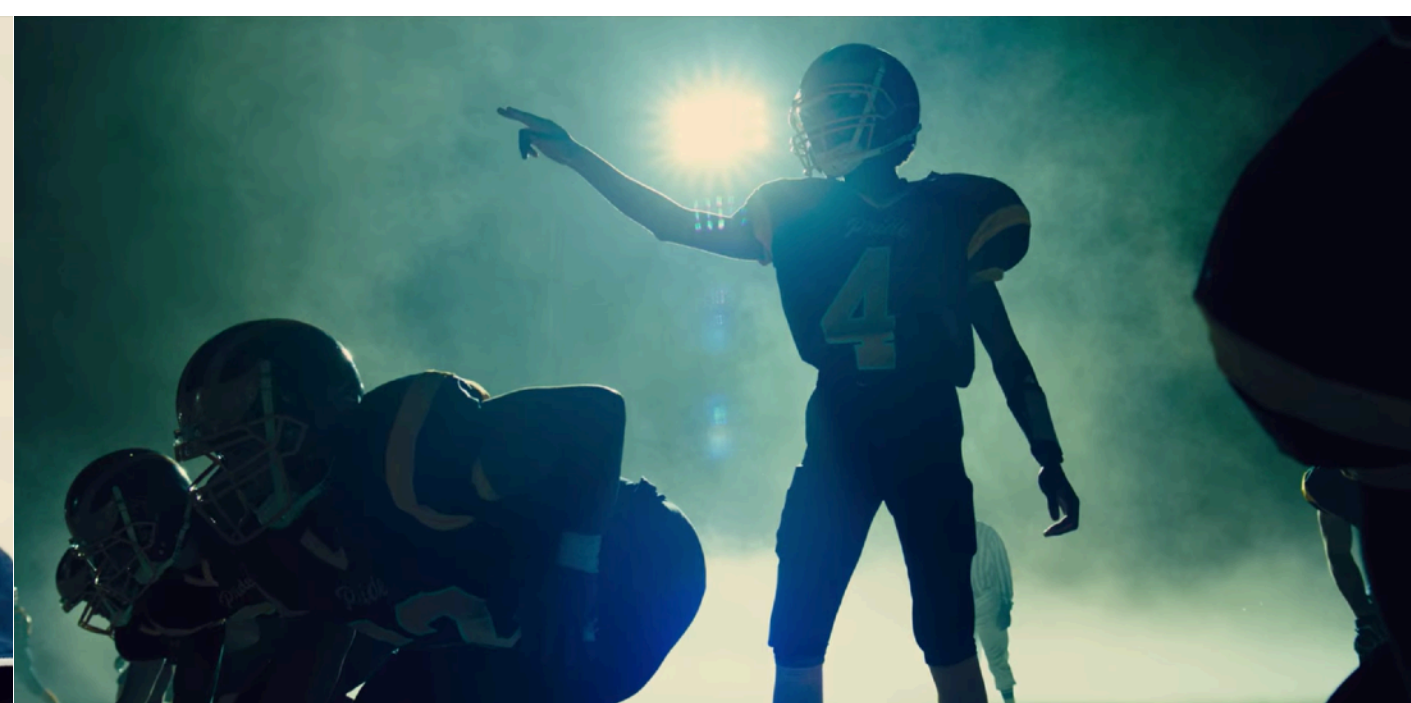
SECTION 1: From real estate to education to employment, present-day Colin demonstrates how the “white man’s stamp of approval” —an idea based on the supremacy of whiteness— hinders wealth, health, and economic mobility for Black and Brown communities. “Some people will say the system is broken,” narrates Colin, “I’m here to tell you that it was intentionally built this way.”

Take a close look at this recent report from the [Economic Policy Institute](#) on racial disparities in income and poverty. What do you notice? How do these findings compare to your own experiences or expectations? What are three policies or proposals you believe can eliminate racial disparities in income, wealth, and poverty?

In his 2014 essay [“The Case for Reparations,”](#) Ta-Nehisi Coates writes the following: “Two hundred fifty years of slavery. Ninety years of Jim Crow. Sixty years of separate but equal. Thirty-five years of racist housing policy. Until we reckon with our compounding moral debts, America will never be whole.” How do you think reparations would change the dynamics of power within society? What might reparations look like? For more, watch Coates’s [powerful interview](#) with Bill Moyers.



SECTION 2: In this episode, 9th grade Colin doesn’t make the JV team despite being the most well-qualified and talented quarterback during tryouts. While the coach acknowledges Colin’s arm strength as a passer, he’s doubtful that young Colin will be able to “command an offense.” Ultimately, the coach picks a less talented white quarterback over Colin because “[he’s] the prototype I’m looking for.”





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In the 2010 article "Roughing the Passer: The Framing of Black and White Quarterbacks Prior to the NFL Draft," researchers Eugenio Mercurio and Vincent F. Filak found that after examining over 4,000 attributions used to describe Black and white professional QB prospects in articles over a 10-year period that "Black quarterbacks were primarily described with words and phrases that emphasized their physical gifts and their lack of mental prowess. Conversely, [w]hite quarterbacks were described as less physically gifted, but more mentally prepared for the game and less likely to make mental errors." Have similar assumptions about your own talents, qualifications, and capabilities shown up in your own life? If so, how have you worked to challenge these assumptions?



SECTION 3: At the end of the episode young Colin learns from his dad that he has made the varsity football team. "I never doubted myself," he says, "I always knew I was a quarterback." Confidence in the face of adversity and doubt can be a powerful motivator. Describe how you have overcome doubt in your own life to achieve your dreams.

