Structural racism is the historical and ongoing racial discrimination and segregation of African Americans/blacks in particular, which is typically instigated or sanctioned by government. Structural racism creates inequality in every aspect of life.

As of May 26, the age-adjusted death rate for black people on Long Island is **175.3 for every 100,000 people**, compared with 57.7 for white people.¹ This means, on Long Island, for every **1 white person** who dies of coronavirus, **3 black people** die, despite blacks making up **less than 11 percent** of the population.² Blacks are the only racial group that currently accounts for more deaths than their representation in the total population.

**WHAT IS DRIVING THE DISPARITY?**

Studies show that stressors like discrimination and segregation, along with other environmental factors, cause underlying health conditions and ultimately increase the likelihood of death rather than recovery.⁵

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**WHO ARE WE?**

ERASE Racism, a Long Island non-profit since 2001, has been mobilizing a cross section of Long Islanders to successfully expose and remedy racial discrimination and segregation via community organizing, policy and legislative advocacy, litigation, and public education. Our programming encompasses the Education Equity Initiative, Inclusive Housing Program, and Community Engagement, which directly engage hundreds of individuals through public workshops, forums and conferences.

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