5. LESS RESOURCES, MORE CRIME, LESS RIGHTS, REPEAT

- So many POC today can’t afford necessities or the debt needed for better opportunities: ex: higher ED or relocation
- Socioeconomic status correlates with crime. Or ‘Poverty causes crime and crime causes poverty’
  - Those arrested (in over policed neighborhoods) often must take a plea, gaining a record/felonies for minor offenses, bc they can’t afford to pay bail, take time off for court, or leave dependents unattended.
- This revokes job + education opportunities, qualification for welfare, food stamps, government housing, other vital aid, and the ability to vote, even though most felons are non-violent.
- Fun Fact: full time min wage doesn’t cover rent anywhere in the U.S.
  https://www.cbsnews.com/news/minimum-wage-doesnt-cover-the-rent-anywhere-in-the-

6. POC USED FOR PROFIT

So why haven’t things changed?

Easy. Racism is profitable.
- It has been from slavery to the War on Drugs to For Profit Prisons. POC collectively hold the least fiscal power, and thus the least political power. Below is a quote from a former Nixon top advisor:

“But we knew we couldn’t make it illegal to be either against the war or black, but by getting the public to associate the hippies with marijuana and blacks and then criminalizing both heavily, we could disrupt those communities,” Ehrlichman said.

“We could arrest their leaders. raid their homes, break up their meetings, and vilify then night after night on the evening news. Did we know we were lying about the drugs? Of course we did.”

- John Ehrlichman.

7. THANK YOU FOR READING. PLEASE DON’T STOP

These are just a few of the ways racism is still alive in our country.

I know it’s scary and sad to hear this stuff. I know it sucks. But think how much worse it is to live it. And we can stop it.

This is a pivotal moment in history. There is a chance to change the system. And the first step is the easiest, just listening, and learning.

Thank you 😄

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