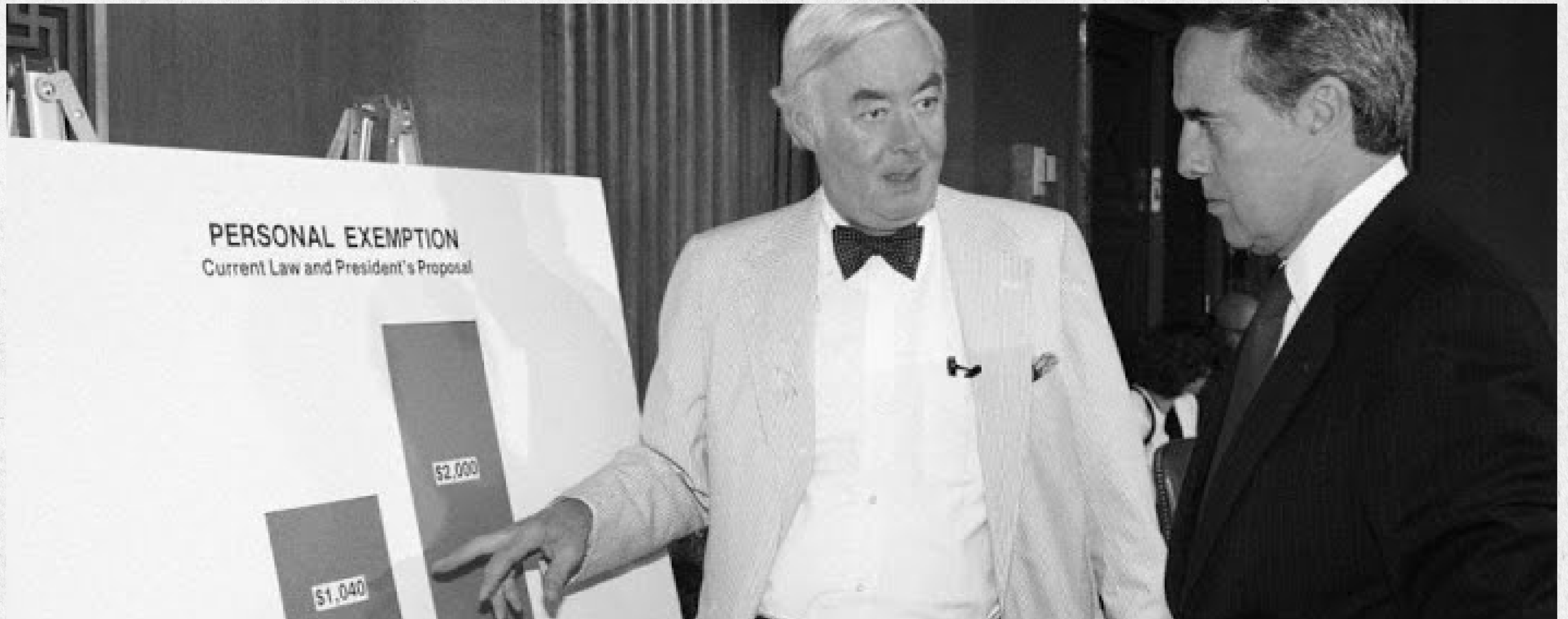
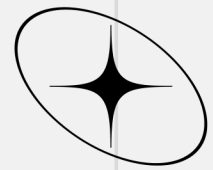


THE NEGRO FAMILY: THE CASE FOR NATIONAL ACTION



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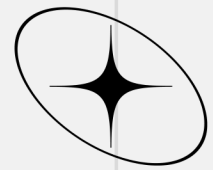
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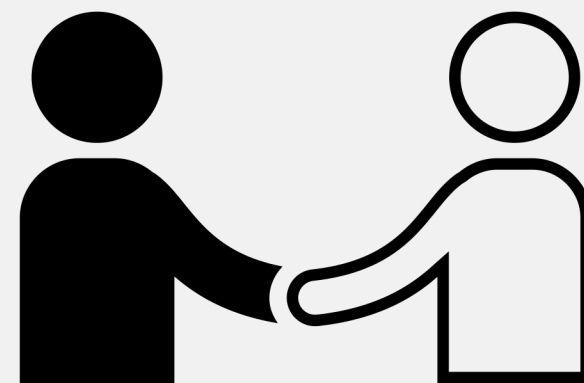
CHAPTER I: THE NEGRO AMERICAN REVOLUTION

“Regarded as the **most important domestic event** of the postwar period in the Unites States”



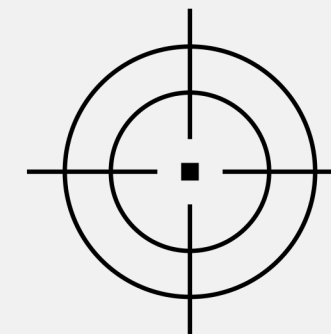
THE END OF THE BEGINNING

- Black Americans organized as a mass movement.
- The cause of African Americans' equality.
- 1964 presidential election as a referendum.



THE DEMAND FOR EQUALITY

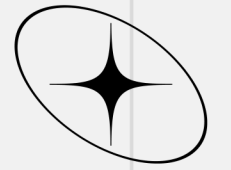
- The ideals of American democracy: liberty & equality.
- Anti-segregation movements at the time.



THE PROSPECT FOR EQUALITY

- “Massive deterioration of the fabric of society”
- *Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited, inc.*
- “What’s true of Central Harlem, is true for the Negro Americans in general”
- *Conclusion*

CHAPTER II: THE NEGRO AMERICAN FAMILY



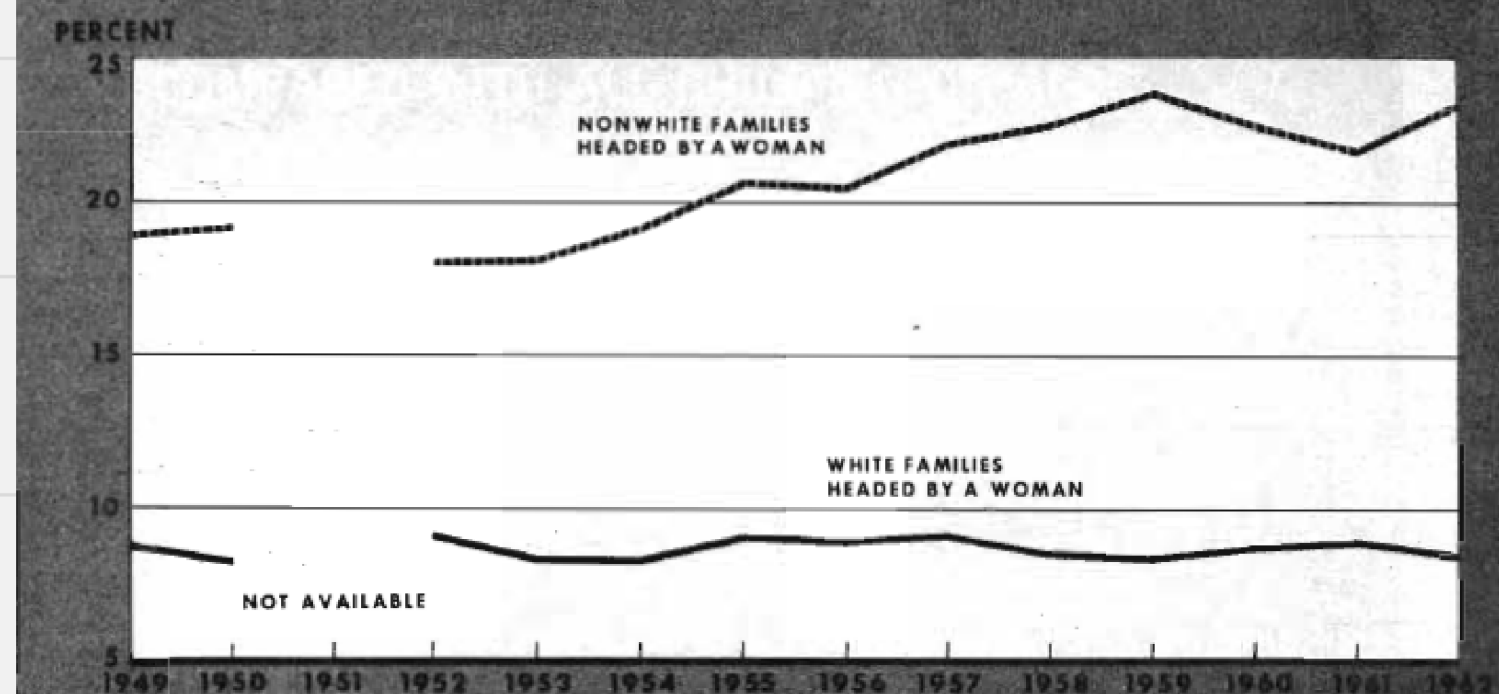
"The family structure of lower class Negroes is **highly unstable**, and in many urban centers is approaching **complete break-down**."

"**Nearly a quarter** of urban Negro marriages are **dissolved**"

"**Nearly one quarter** of Negro births are **illegitimate**."

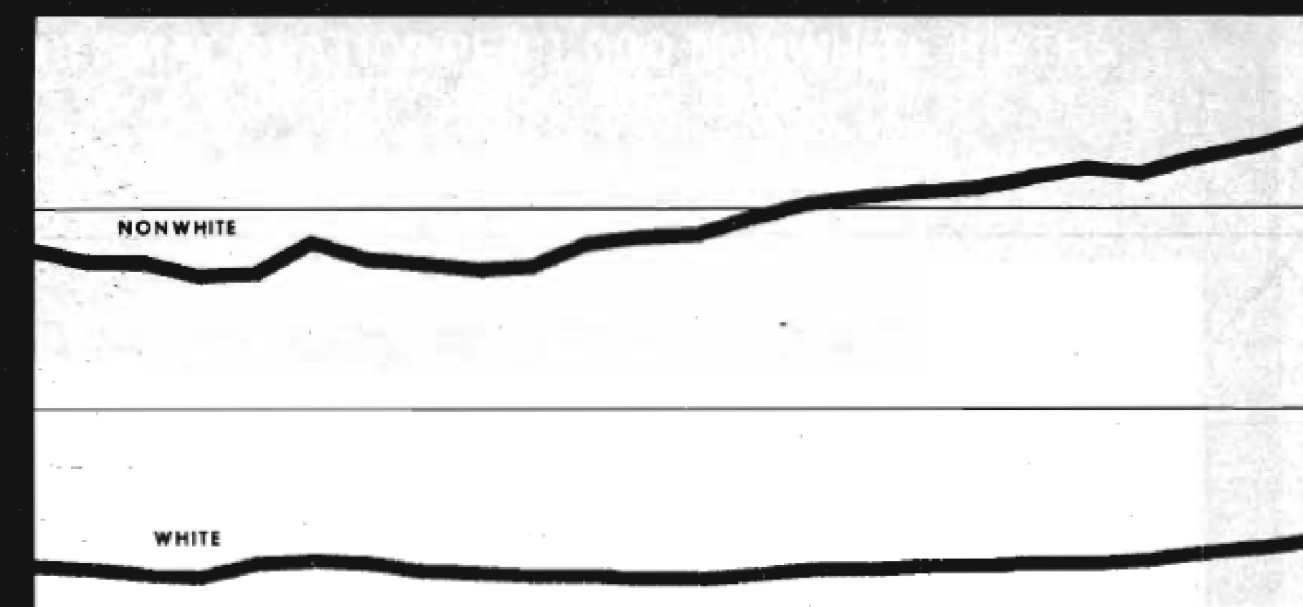
"The breakdown of the Negro family has led to a startling increase on **welfare dependency**."

ALMOST ONE FOURTH OF NONWHITE FAMILIES ARE HEADED BY A WOMAN

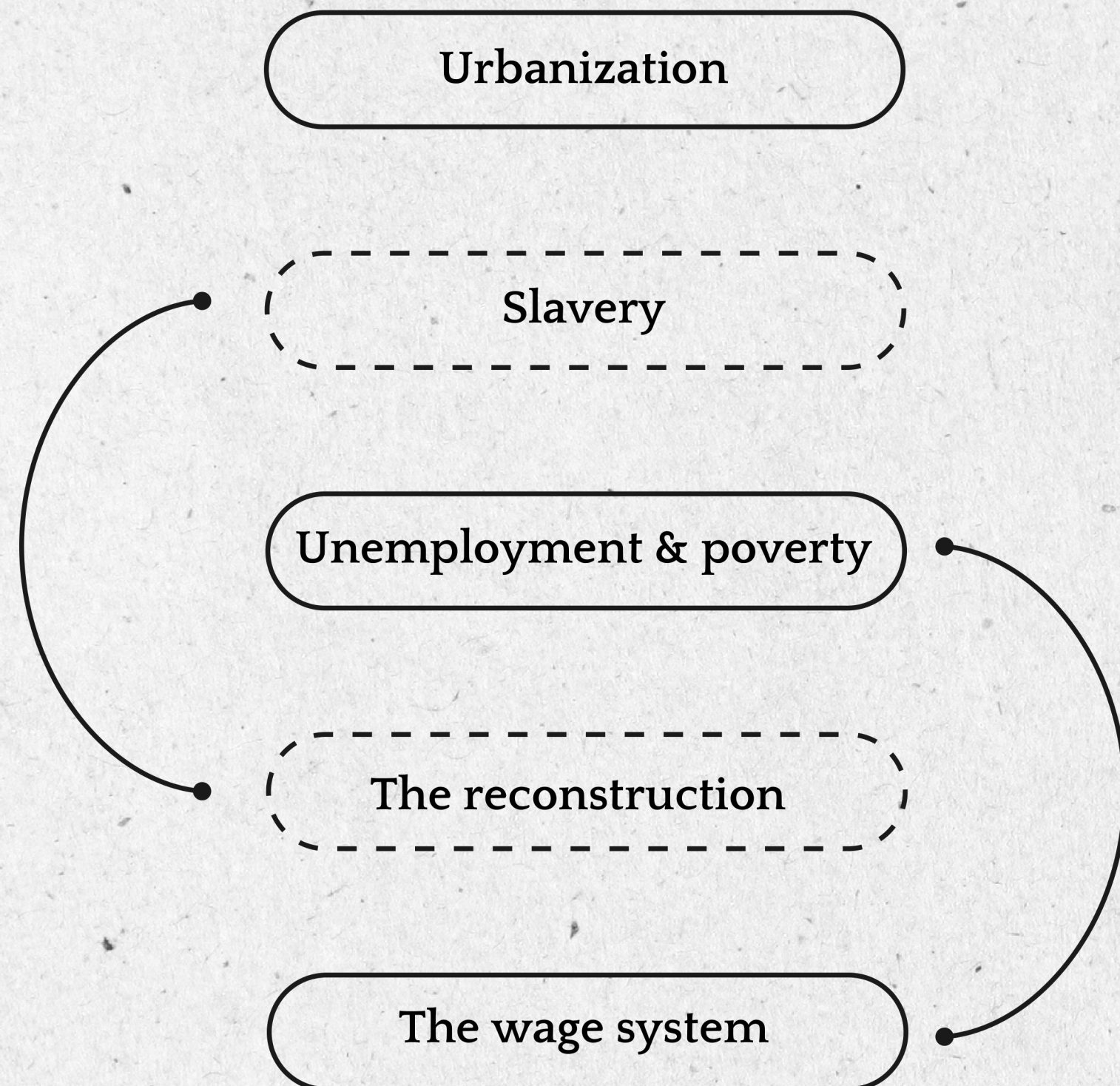


Source: See Appendix table 5.

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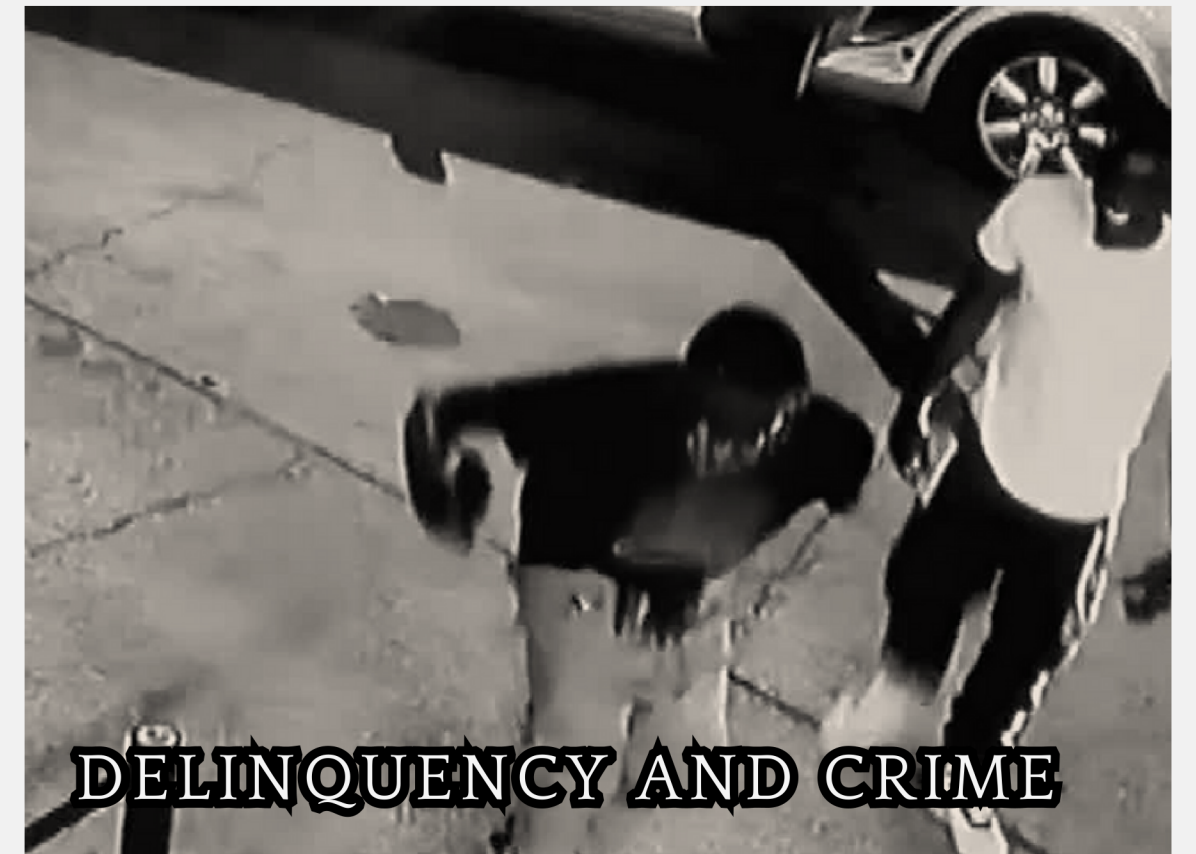


CHAPTER III: THE ROOTS OF THE PROBLEM - OR ACCUSATIONS?



- “Striking differences in levels of civilization and economic well-being.”
- “His children could be sold, his marriage was not recognized, his wife could be violated or sold.”
- “Particularly the case in the northern urban areas to which the Negro population has been moving.”
- “A full member of society is to provide food for some female and her young.”
- “Negro families have the largest number of children and the lowest incomes.”

CHAPTER IV: THE TANGLE OF PATHOLOGY



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“the men are just not there when the Census enumerator comes around”

ALIENATION

“Negro husbands have unusually low power”

MATRIARCHY

“The ultimate mark of inadequate preparation for life is failing the armed forces mental test”

THE ARMED FORCES

“Negro children without fathers flounder and fail”

THE FAILURE OF YOUTH

“The combined impact of poverty, failure, and isolation among Negro youth”

DELINQUENCY AND CRIME

CHAPTER V: THE CASE FOR NATIONAL ACTION

Problem

The object of this study has been to define a problem, rather than propose solutions to it. We have kept within these confines for three reasons.

Reasoning

First, there are many persons, within and without the Government, who do not feel the problem exists, at least in any serious degree.

Second, it is our view that the problem is so inter-related, one thing with another, that any list of program proposals would necessarily be incomplete, and would distract attention from the main point of inter-relatedness.

Third, it is necessary to acknowledge the view, held by a number of responsible persons, that this problem may in fact be out of control.

Eliminate

The President has committed the nation to an all out effort to eliminate poverty wherever it exists, among whites or Negroes, and a militant, organized, and responsible Negro movement exists to join in that effort.

RECEPTION & CRITICISMS

"Blaming the victim"
- William Ryan, 1971

"male-centric"
- Carol B. Stack, 1974

The use of white families' terminology
- Hortense Spillers, 1987

"may have been the last honest government report on race"
- Thomas Sowell, 1998



The Moynihan Report

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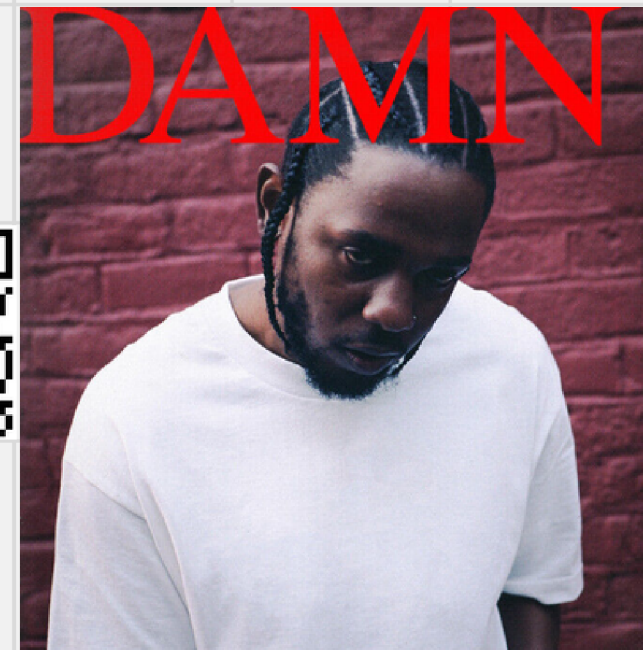
MODERN DAY INFLUENCE



Brenda's Got a Baby
by Tupac Shakur

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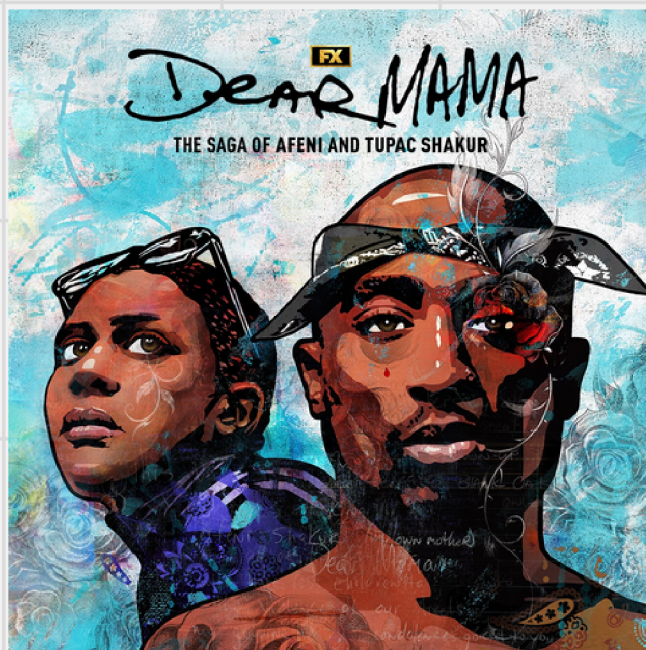
Black single mothers



XXX
by Kendrick Lamar

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Crime



Dear Mama
by Tupac Shakur

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Black mothers



Jay Rock's verse
on Kendrick Lamar's
Money Trees

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'Government cheese'

MODERN DAY INFLUENCE



Origins of 'Government Cheese'
0:00 - 1:40



Government cheese references in pop culture -
DMX ("Untouchable") - <https://youtu.be/lLyRWj-Sh3w?t=117>
Jay Z ("FUTW") - <https://youtu.be/XmXB9P3LWu0?t=24>
the roots ("Double Trouble") - <https://youtu.be/AmSub5H5G0s?t=221>
Snoop Dog "Ghetto Life" - <https://youtu.be/QdOUqEQTH7U?t=175>
Kendrick ("Money Trees") - https://youtu.be/smqhSl0u_sI?t=283
Coolio ("County Line") - <https://youtu.be/jpc86--1ntk?t=90>
Keb' Mo' Government Cheese - <https://youtu.be/AXcTMgPz4m4?t=47>
SNL motivational speaker - <https://youtu.be/Xv2VIEY9-A8?t=175>
Steve Harvey standup - <https://youtu.be/X4-WrcrIBIo?t=112>
Friday movie - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j8i4I_P5Mg4&ab_channel=MeloAlienware
Wahlburgers chain uses government cheese - https://youtu.be/8sifNAkc_l8?t=90
In Living Color - <https://youtu.be/xHA-15i43ug?t=84> and <https://youtu.be/zfKwMfX2NB8?t=84>

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