

# Race Equality Is Still a Work in Progress, Survey Finds

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- 1- Fewer than one in three black Americans and not even half of whites say the United States has made "a lot" of progress toward achieving racial equality in the half-century since the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. declared he had "a dream" that one day freedom, justice and brotherhood would prevail and that his children would "not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character."

- 5- As the nation is poised to observe the 50th anniversary next week of the March on Washington that Dr. King led, the poll and an analysis of racial disparities by the Pew Research Center conclude that while five decades' progress has been palpable on some fronts, Dr. King's goal remains elusive on others.

- 10- Blacks and whites generally agree that the two races get along well, but about 7 in 10 blacks and more than 1 in 4 whites also concur that blacks are treated unequally by the criminal justice system. A majority of blacks also say they are treated less fairly than whites in public schools and in the workplace. Fully 15- in 3 blacks, 1 in 5 Hispanic Americans and 1 in 10 whites said they were treated unfairly within the last year because of perceptions of their race.

- 20- Though gaps in life expectancy and high school graduation rates have all but been eliminated, disparities in poverty and homeownership rates are about the same. Compared with five decades ago, imbalances in household income and wealth, marriage and incarceration rates have widened.

The average three-member black household makes about 59 percent of what a similar white household makes - up from 55 percent in 1967 - but the income gap in actual dollars widened to \$27,000 from \$19,000. (The gap has widened between whites and Hispanic people, too.)

- 25- Blacks are nearly three times as likely to be living below the federal poverty threshold. The disparity in homeownership rates is the widest in four decades.

In 1960, black men were five times as likely as white men to be in local, state or federal prison. Fifty years later, black men are six times as likely as white men to be incarcerated and Hispanic men three times as likely.

- 30- Nearly half of all Americans said a lot more progress needed to be made to achieve Dr. King's vision of a colorblind society. Republicans are more likely than Democrats to believe there has been racial progress. Fully 80 percent of all Americans say at least some more needs to be done.

**A. Match the verbs and their equivalents:**

- To achieve. . . . . To be about to
- To prevail. . . . . To be on friendly terms
- To concur. . . . . To accomplish
- To widen. . . . . To win
- To get along. . . . . To agree
- To be poised. . . . . To make bigger

**B. Find the equivalents:**

10 years- riches - standard - interval - in the direction of - age one is expected to live to- limit - almost completely- earnings - to own a house- probable - not palpable - even if - members of a family - not racially prejudiced- ask opinions

- A survey/ a poll .....
- A decade .....
- Elusive .....
- Likely .....
- Toward .....
- Gap .....
- Average .....
- Life expectancy .....
- Though .....
- Homeownership .....
- Household .....
- Income .....
- Wealth .....
- threshold .....
- All but .....
- Colourblind .....

**C. Fill in the blanks:**

- ..... fewer .....
- ..... widest .....
- ..... more likely .....

**D. Find what these figures correspond to in the article : quote the lines**

- 1 in 3 .....
- 1 in 5 .....
- 1 in 10 .....
  
- fewer than one in three .....
- and not even half .....
  
- 5 .....
- 5 .....
  
- 5 times .....
- 6 times .....
- 3 times .....
  
- about 59 .....
- up to 55 .....
  
- six times .....
- three times .....
  
- the 50<sup>th</sup> .....
  
- 80 .....
  
- about 7 in 10 .....
- and more than 1 in 4 .....
  
- to 27,000 from 19,000 .....