

Tackling the Root Causes of Health Inequity

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Health is political


“The struggle over the allocation of scarce and precious social goods”

Power matters, individual and
community-level

The background features several sets of concentric circles in a lighter shade of blue, resembling ripples in water, scattered across the bottom half of the slide.

Health is an Investment

Countries with strong social compacts
appear to have better health



IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER



FOUR SCORE AND SEVEN YEARS
AGO OUR FATHERS BROUGHT FORTH
ON THIS CONTINENT A NEW NATION
CONCEIVED IN LIBERTY AND DEDICA-
TED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL
MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.
NOW WE ARE ENGAGED IN A GREAT
CIVIL WAR TESTING WHETHER THAT
NATION OR ANY NATION SO CON-
CEIVED AND SO DEDICATED CAN LONG
ENDURE. WE ARE MET ON A GREAT
BATTLEFIELD OF THAT WAR. WE HAVE
COME TO DEDICATE A PORTION OF
THAT FIELD AS A FINAL RESTING
PLACE FOR THOSE WHO HERE GAVE
THEIR LIVES THAT THAT NATION
MIGHT LIVE. IT IS ALTOGETHER FIT-
TING AND PROPER THAT WE SHOULD
DO THIS. BUT IN A LARGER SENSE
WE CAN NOT DEDICATE - WE CAN NOT
CONSECRATE - WE CAN NOT HALLOW -
THIS GROUND. THE BRAVE MEN LIV-
ING AND DEAD WHO STRUGGLED HERE
HAVE CONSECRATED IT FAR ABOVE
OUR POOR POWER TO ADD OR DETRACT.
THE WORLD WILL LITTLE NOTE NOR
LONG REMEMBER WHAT WE SAY HERE
BUT IT CAN NEVER FORGET WHAT THEY
DID HERE. IT IS FOR US THE LIVING
RATHER TO BE DEDICATED HERE TO
THE UNFINISHED WORK WHICH THEY
WHO FOUGHT HERE HAVE THUS FAR
SO NOBLY ADVANCED. IT IS RATHER FOR
US TO BE HERE DEDICATED TO THE
GREAT TASK REMAINING BEFORE US -
THAT FROM THESE HONORED DEAD
WE TAKE INCREASED DEVOTION TO
THAT CAUSE FOR WHICH THEY GAVE THE
LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION -
THAT WE HERE HIGHLY RESOLVE THAT
THESE DEAD SHALL NOT HAVE DIED IN
VAIN - THAT THIS NATION UNDER GOD
SHALL HAVE A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM -
AND THAT GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE
BY THE PEOPLE FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL
NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH.

COULD ACCEPT WAR RATHER
ISH AND THE WAR CAME.
HE WHOLE POPULATION WERE
OT DISTRIBUTED GENERAL-
ON BUT LOCALIZED IN THE
F IT THESE SLAVES CONSTI-
AND POWERFUL INTEREST.
HIS INTEREST WAS SOMEHOW
WAR TO STRENGTHEN PER-
ND THIS INTEREST WAS THE
THE INSURGENTS WOULD
EN BY WAR WHILE THE GOV-
NO RIGHT TO DO MORE
THE TERRITORIAL ENLARGE-
ER PARTY EXPECTED FOR
ENITUDE OR THE DURATION
EADY ATTAINED. NEITHER
HE CAUSE OF THE CONFLICT
OR EVEN BEFORE THE CON-
CEASE - EACH LOOKED FOR
AND A RESULT LESS FUN-
OUNDING. BOTH READ THE
Y TO THE SAME GOD AND
AID AGAINST THE OTHER.
GE THAT ANY MEN SHOULD
T GOD'S ASSISTANCE IN
EAD FROM THE SWEAT OF
BUT LET US JUDGE NOT
OGED - THE PRAYERS OF BOTH
VERED - THAT OF NEITHER
D FULLY. THE ALMIGHTY
SES. "WOE UNTO THE WORLD
FOR IT MUST NEEDS BE
HE BUT WOE TO THAT MAN
NSE COMETH."

IF WE SHALL SUPPOSE THAT AMERICAN
SLAVERY IS ONE OF THOSE OFFENSES
WHICH IN THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD MUST
NEEDS COME BUT WHICH HAVING CON-
TINUED THROUGH HIS APPOINTED TIME HE
NOW WILLS TO REMOVE AND THAT HE
GIVES TO BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH THIS
TERRIBLE WAR AS THE WOE DUE TO THOSE BY
WHOM THE OFFENSE CAME SHALL WE DIS-
CERN THEREIN ANY DEPARTURE FROM
THOSE DIVINE ATTRIBUTES WHICH THE
BELIEVERS IN A LIVING GOD ALWAYS ASCRIBE
TO HIM. FONDLY DO WE HOPE - FERVENTLY
DO WE PRAY - THAT THIS MIGHTY SCOURGE
OF WAR MAY SPEEDILY PASS AWAY. YET IF
GOD WILLS THAT IT CONTINUE UNTIL ALL
THE WEALTH PILED BY THE BONDSMAN'S
TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS OF UN-
REQUITED TOIL SHALL BE SUNK AND
UNTIL EVERY DROP OF BLOOD DRAWN WITH
THE LASH SHALL BE PAID BY ANOTHER
DRAWN WITH THE SWORD AS WAS SAID THREE
THOUSAND YEARS AGO SO STILL IT MUST
BE SAID "THE JUDGMENTS OF THE LORD
ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS ALTOGETHER."
WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE WITH CHARITY
FOR ALL WITH FIRMNESS IN THE RIGHT AS
GOD GIVES US TO SEE THE RIGHT LET US
STRIVE ON TO FINISH THE WORK. WE ARE IN
TO BIND UP THE NATION'S WOUNDS TO CARE
FOR HIM WHO SHALL HAVE BORNE THE BAT-
TLE AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND HIS ORPHAN -
TO DO ALL WHICH MAY ACHIEVE AND CHER-
ISH A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AMONG
OURSELVES AND WITH ALL NATIONS.



Abraham Lincoln

- “Our republican system was meant for a homogeneous people. As long as blacks continue to live with the whites they constitute a threat to the national life. Family life may also collapse and the increase of mixed breed bastards may some day challenge the supremacy of the white man.”



“The Negro Question”

- Representative J. Mark Wilcox of Florida was explicit in expressing the concerns of southern whites about the FLSA:
- Then there is another matter of great importance in the South, and that is the problem of our Negro labor. There has always been a difference in the wage scale of white and colored labor. So long as Florida people are permitted to handle the matter, this delicate and perplexing problem can be adjusted; but the Federal Government knows no color line and of necessity it cannot make any distinction between the races. We may rest assured, therefore, that . . . it will prescribe the same wage for the Negro that it prescribes for the white man. . . . [T]hose of us who know the true situation know that it just will not work in the South. You cannot put the Negro and the white man on the same basis and get away with it.



1 That plaintiffs are the owners of lots or parcels of
 2 land within and being a portion of Tract 597, Washington
 3 Township, Alameda County, California, as said tract is de-
 4 lined and so designated on map thereof recorded in the office
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“It is necessary that properties shall continue to be occupied by the same social and racial groups”- Federal Housing Administration Underwriting Manual 1938 in recommending racially restrictive covenants.

14 S. Clarke, Ada E. Hows, E. W. Svenhammer, and others, collectively,
 15 did execute and thereafter cause to be recorded on the 30th day
 16 of April, 1941, in Book 4056 of Official Records, at page 211,
 17 in the office of the County Recorder of Alameda County, California,
 18 a declaration of restrictions upon said tract No. 597 and all

“(5) no person or persons of the Mexican race, or other than the CAUCASIAN race shall use or occupy any building or any lot, except that this covenant shall not prevent occupancy by domestic servants of a different race domiciled with an owner, tenant or occupant thereof.

28 “(10) If the parties hereto, or any of them, or their
 29 heirs, successors or devisees, executors or administra-
 30 tors or assigns, shall violate, or attempt to vio-
 31 late, any of the covenants or restrictions herein con-
 32 tained before January 1, 1961, any owner or owners of
 the remainder of the premises herein described, or of

EXCLUSION

