Neighborhood Disparities: Roland Park

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Purpose of Study

To give awareness about the disparities that certain neighborhoods in Baltimore must deal with. Also, make sure that people recognize that there are neighborhoods that benefit more than others.'

Introduction

- Baltimore is hyper- segregated into two parts, which are the "Black Butterfly" and "White L". Because of Baltimore being hyper-segregated, it causes racial inequalities, health disparities, and crime.
- The "Black Butterfly" is a shape of the segregated black communities in East and West Baltimore.
- The "White L" is the distribution of White Americans in Central and Southeast Baltimore.

Background

- Roland Park is in the northern part of Baltimore and is apart of the "White L" and was founded by the Roland Park Company in 1890 on land purchased by Roland Thornberry.
- Property deeds by the Roland Park Company stated that they are denying black people the right to live in its developments.
- The company created boundaries to make sure that it was segregated to keep the area safe.
- These past practices have made a great impact on how Roland Park and why it is a predominately white neighborhood.

Recommendations

- People from the community could give advice to other communities on how they can improve the other neighborhoods.
- Give people in low income communities the opportunities to live outside the poor communities or even make some of the housing in Roland Park affordable for those people.
- Advocate to people in low income communities by putting up flyers that make people notice that other communities need what they have.
- People may pay more attention because it's coming from a community that has a lot of resources and wants to help.

Addressing the Disparity

- Roland Park is in the White L Community which means:
- It is made up of 74% of White people, 8% of Asian people, 7% of Hispanic people, 6% of African Americans, 2% of another race, and 3% of two more races.
- Has more access to grocery stores and schools that are well-resourced.
- Black Butterfly neighborhoods are the total opposite.
- The disparity I'm focused on: Income and poverty
- Most people in Roland Park do not have poverty because they have an advantage of having nice jobs, money and nice houses.

Data

- Not many people from the survey lived in Roland Park.
- We need more data, the survey only showed one person living there.
- With the overall data it showed that in the past year most people believed their neighborhood has remained the same
- I expected this because in neighborhoods that need help the most you never really see anyone trying to work on those neighborhoods.

Conclusion

- The survey results showed that poor maintenance and shopping in the neighborhoods sections were equal.
- I expect the people who chose small problems and adequate problems are probably people who live in the "White L" neighborhoods.
- People in the "Black Butterfly" would have a problem with shopping because there are usually no markets in those areas.
- More people than I thought could count on their neighbors for certain things.

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