What social issues are affecting the African American race?

As well as what policies will help?

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There are several issues affecting the African American race, these stem from the gaps in wealth, income, housing value,educational attainments,health status, employment, incarceration rates and so on.

This basically stem back to the deep racism and acts of historical slavery in this society.

There's also the issue of violence and crime, ethical disposition and profiling.

Majorly these issues can be put into five categories viz;

I)The victim mentality.

Most African Americans see themselves as victims and this becomes their primary identity and their ruling identity,thus can be refered to as victimology.

Many Black churches in America preach this "Victimology" and many black parents pass it to their children,inner-city schools teacher it to their students and Black media reinforce it while many Black groups and organisations fundraise it.

ii) Lack of diversity

Blacks repeatedly demand an "honest dialogue or debate about race"which really dies not exist.

Most Blacks think Whites are responsible for their problems .

Blacks celebrate this kind of thinkers who embrace "the uncle -Tom" mentality.

iii)Urban Terrorism

In majority of Black cities,violent Black on Black crime is rampant.

A study from 1980-2008,done by Department of Justice revealed that Blacks accounted for almost half of the nations homicide victims (47.4%)and more than half of the offenders (52.4%)while just being just 13% of America's population.

Between 1882-1968,a study by the Tuskegee Institute, shows that,3,446 of Blacks were reportedly lynched.

Presently black-on-black murder eclipses the number of blacks lynched over the course of 80 years.

iv) Proliferation of Baby Mamas

The disintegration of the nuclear family has led to astronomical increases of single mother households.

According to Moyinhan report,in 1965, nearly 25% of Black children were born to unwed mothers, which according to Daniel Patrick Moyinhan was a disaster in the making.

Today the out of wedlock birthrate is nearly 75% and even higher on some urban areas.

Baby Daddies are rarely shown compassion due to their proliferation while the Baby Mamas receive both compassion and support.

v) Unquestioning allegiance to so called Progressive policies.

Loyalty to progressive,liberal policies is the primary reason behind these dire conditions persist.

Progressivism is the common thread that bind black cities where single -parent homes,failing schools, rampant poverty and crime dominate.

Cities like Detroit,Philadelphia and Baltimore have been run by progressive Democrats fir decades.

If their liberal policies were at all effective,these cities should have become models of economic growth and prosperity , instead they are models of dysfunction.

By fostering and exploiting the victim mentality, discouraging self-examination,subsidizing Baby Mamas,and making excuses for Black thugs,the so called Progressive policies don't alleviate the problems that afflict the black community,they actually aggravate these problems.

There are various measures put in place to improve the situation of Black Americans.

These includes;

i) Criminal Justice System -There has to be significant reform to the criminal justice system.

Blacks are over-represented in the prison population accounting to 32%of the prison population.

Blacks are five times more likely to be incarcerated during their lifetime than white men.and 19% on the longer margin to serve their sentences than white men.

They have reduced economic opportunities for Black men,the criminal justice system must be reformed to reduce the number of Black men behind bars and second to improve re-entry conditions.

ii)Improving the education system.

The African American have lower levels of educational attainment.

Only about 28% of Black men (aged 25-29) have a bachelors degree or higher, while about 30% of black women have the same,over 40% of white men and nearly 50% of white men do.

Most Blacks have fewer opportunitiesto receive higher education because those with a felony record face limited access to federal student loans,they suffer grade bias, higher suspension and expulsion rates,high in-school arrests.There has to be a reform of educational policies to favour the disadvantaged situation of the African American situation.

iii)Improving employment rates and opportunities.

Blacks experience higher unemployment rates, lower labour force participation rates and lower earnings than their white male counter parts.

This indicates lower economic power and lower access to quality healthcare and fewer social connections.

There should be better social policies to promote employment opportunities.

They should provide scholarships and incentives to encourage more Blacks to become nurses,health care aides, teachers, social workers and other professions.

iv) Place Based policies.

In 2017,26% of African American households lived in high poverty neighborhoods as compared to just 5% of white households ,this is characterized by poorer quality schools,less access to jobs,poor social networks,and health care and high rates of crime , pollutions,congestion and noise.

Boys tend to be more sensitive to their environment growing up, therefore there should be greater investment in neighbourhood prosperity as they tend to pickup immediate role models.

v) Mentorship programs

Mentorship programs for African American race has been seen as a part of strengthening connections within a community and prevent them from risky behaviour.

African American population should be able to touch and see successful black men.

vi)Reparations.

Reparations should be paid to American descendants of slavery.

The racial gaps present in wealth, income, housing value,educational attainment,health status employment, incarceration rates which are a result of deep racism in this society.

Reparations can be used to correct injustice and to reduce the disparities that remain pervasive in society.

This must be explored to the maximum to benefit the African American race.