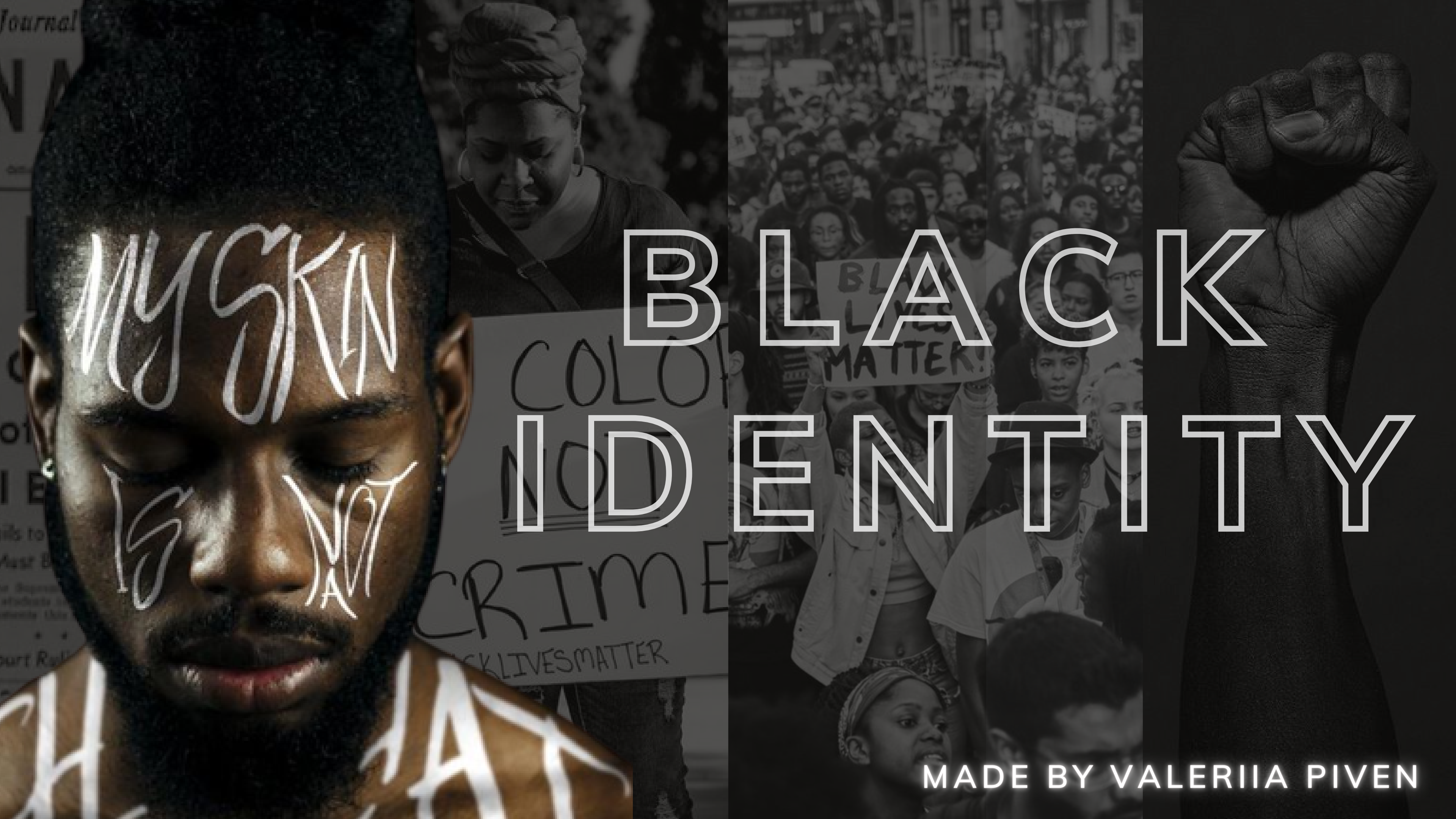




BLACK IDENTITY

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3 elements of Black Communities Identity

HISTORY
(THE COLLECTIVE TRAUMA)

CULTURE

SOCIETY



Slavery

BLACK PEOPLE WERE TRADED AS COMMODITIES IN THE 18TH-19TH CENTURY IN EXCHANGE FOR CHEAP LABOUR IN THE AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY. FAMILIES OF BLACK PEOPLE WERE SPLIT UP IN BOTH AMERICA AND AFRICA.

BLACK SLAVES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE DOMINANT SOCIETY OFTEN USED THE OBJECTIFICATION OF THEIR LABOUR OR OUTPUT TO LEGITIMIZE THEIR IDENTITY. BLACK AMERICANS HAD TO BE OBJECTIFIED TO SURVIVE BECAUSE THE INSTITUTION HAD TURNED THEM INTO LIFELESS OBJECTS DEVOID OF HUMAN IDENTITY.





Jim Crow laws: the Great Migration of blacks

JIM CROW LAWS WERE LAWS THAT DIVIDED PEOPLE INTO DIFFERENT RACES. THESE LAWS EXISTED FOR ABOUT 100 YEARS, FROM THE TIME AFTER THE CIVIL WAR UNTIL 1968.

THEY WERE MEANT TO MAKE LIFE HARDER FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS BY PREVENTING THEM FROM VOTING, HOLDING JOBS, GETTING AN EDUCATION, OR EVEN HAVING CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS WITH WHITE PEOPLE. PEOPLE WHO TRIED TO BREAK THE LAWS FACED ARREST, FINES, JAIL TIME, AND EVEN DEATH.

AS A RESULT OF THIS PERIOD:

- THE GREAT MIGRATION OF BLACKS TO NEW YORK CITY, CHICAGO, LOS ANGELES, ETC.
- IN THE 1920S, THE KU KLUX KLAN SPREAD NATIONWIDE AND BECAME POPULAR IN THE MIDWEST.



Martin Luter King & Mass demonstrations

THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT, THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT DEMONSTRATION OF THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, WAS ORGANISED BY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. HE PROMOTED PEACEFUL CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE TO END RACIAL SEGREGATION IN THE US,

KING AND HIS SUPPORTERS FACED VIOLENCE FREQUENTLY THROUGHOUT THE NONVIOLENT DEMONSTRATIONS THEY LED THROUGHOUT THE AMERICAN SOUTH.

HE ORGANISED A SIZABLE MARCH ON WASHINGTON IN 1963 THAT DREW OVER 200,000 PROTESTERS, AND IN 1964 HE WAS GIVEN THE NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

KING PUBLICLY QUESTIONED AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT IN VIETNAM IN THE LATE 1960S AND SHIFTED HIS FOCUS TO SECURING ECONOMIC RIGHTS FOR LOW-INCOME AMERICANS



10-POINT PROGRAM

OF THE

BLACK PANTHER PARTY

WHAT WE WANT

1. We want freedom. We want power to determine the destiny of our Black Community.
2. We want full employment for our people.
3. We want an end to the robbery by the white man of our Black Community.
4. We want decent housing, fit for shelter of human beings.
5. We want education for our people that exposes the true nature of this decadent American society. We want education that teaches us our true history and our role in the present day society.
6. We want all Black men to be exempt from military service.
7. We want an immediate end to POLICE BRUTALITY and MURDER of Black people.
8. We want freedom for all Black men held in federal, state, county and city prisons and jails.
9. We want all Black people when brought to trial to be tried in court by a jury of their peer group or people from their Black Communities, as defined by the Constitution of the United States.
10. We want land, bread, housing, education, clothing, justice and peace.

The Black Panther Party

IN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, HUEY P. NEWTON AND BOBBY SEALE FOUNDED THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP).

THE BLACK REVOLUTIONARY PARTY PUSHED FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN FIREARM RIGHTS, AN END TO "WHITE AMERICAN" SANCTIONS, AND MONETARY REPARATIONS FOR YEARS OF RACIAL EXPLOITATION.

THE BPP BECAME WELL KNOWN FOR GIVING ACCESS TO MEDICAL CLINICS AND FREE MEALS FOR KIDS IN ADDITION TO PUSHING FOR POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC EQUALITY.

DESEGREGATION
(BROWN VS BOARD
OF EDUCATION OF TOPEKA)



CIVIL RIGHTS ACTS
(1964, 1968)



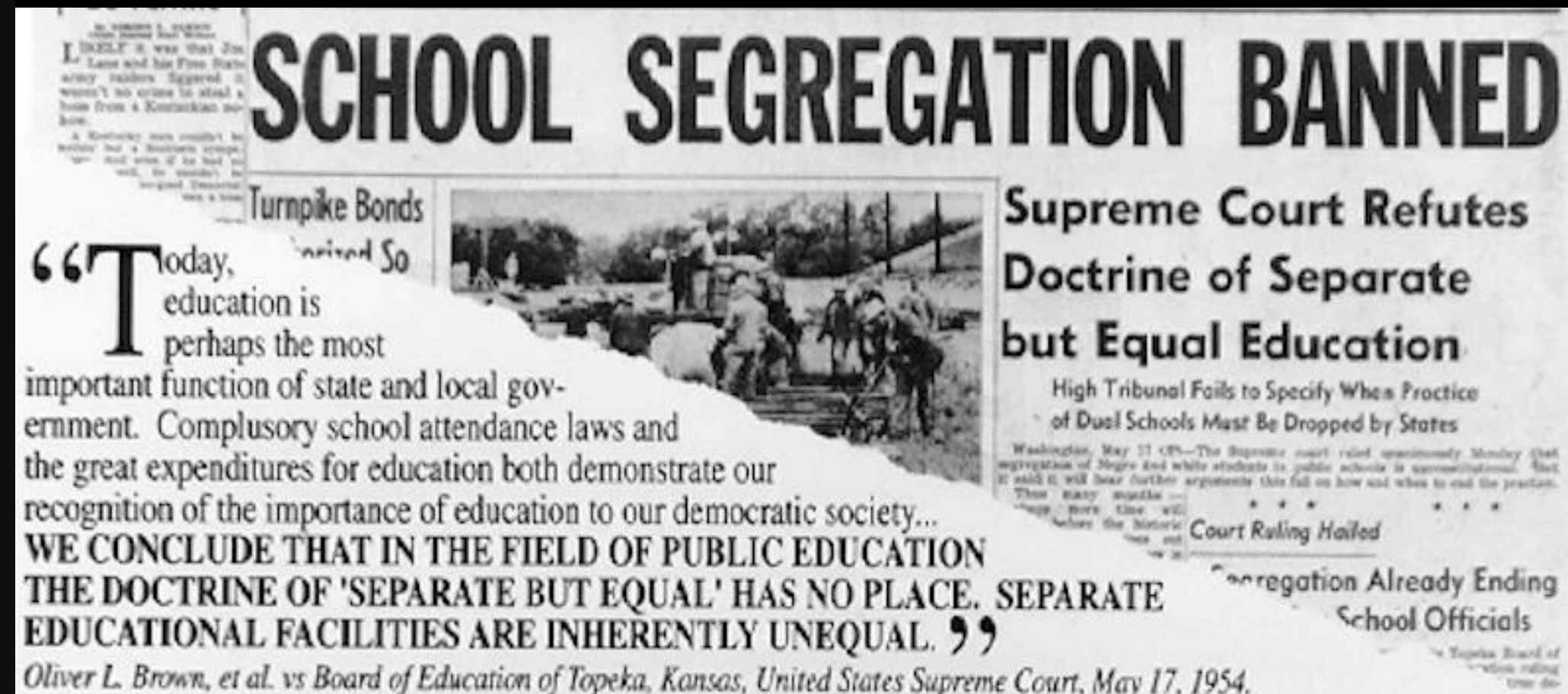
VOTING RIGHTS ACT
(1965)



MASS INCARCERATION
FOR DRUGS
(CRIME BILL PASSED
BY PRESIDENT CLINTON IN 1994)



THURGOOD MARSHALL,
FIRST BLACK SUPREME COURT JUSTICE





The First US Black President Barack Obama

BARACK HUSSEIN OBAMA WAS ELECTED AS THE
44TH PRESIDENT OF THE US IN 2008.

HE WAS THE FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT OF THE
USA IN HISTORY. HE WENT ON TO SERVE TWO
TERMS.

DURING THIS PERIOD THE COUNTRY BEGAN TO
RECOVER FROM THE WORST RECESSION SINCE
THE GREAT DEPRESSION, GAY MARRIAGE WAS
DECLARED A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT, AND TWO
WOMEN WERE APPOINTED TO THE SUPREME
COURT.

Black Lives Matter Movement

IN 2013 3 BLACK WOMEN ACTIVISTS, ALICIA GARZA, PATRISSE CULLORS, AND OPAL TOMETI STARTED A MOVEMENT CENTRED ON BLACK PEOPLE - BLACK LIVES MATTER.

AFTER GEORGE ZIMMERMAN WAS CLEARED IN TRAYVON MARTIN'S SHOOTING DEATH IN 2012, THE HASHTAG #BLACKLIVESMATTER WAS CREATED ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

PROTESTS AGAINST POLICE BRUTALITY AND SYSTEMIC RACISM HAVE BEEN SPREAD WORLDWIDE.





Cultural elements of Black Identity

THE CURCH

THE LANGUAGE

THE MUSIC

The collective cultural trauma of Black communities

SLAVERY, RACISM, AND OTHER SOCIO-CULTURAL AND POLITICAL PHENOMENON LEADED TO THE CULTURAL TRAUMA OF BC.

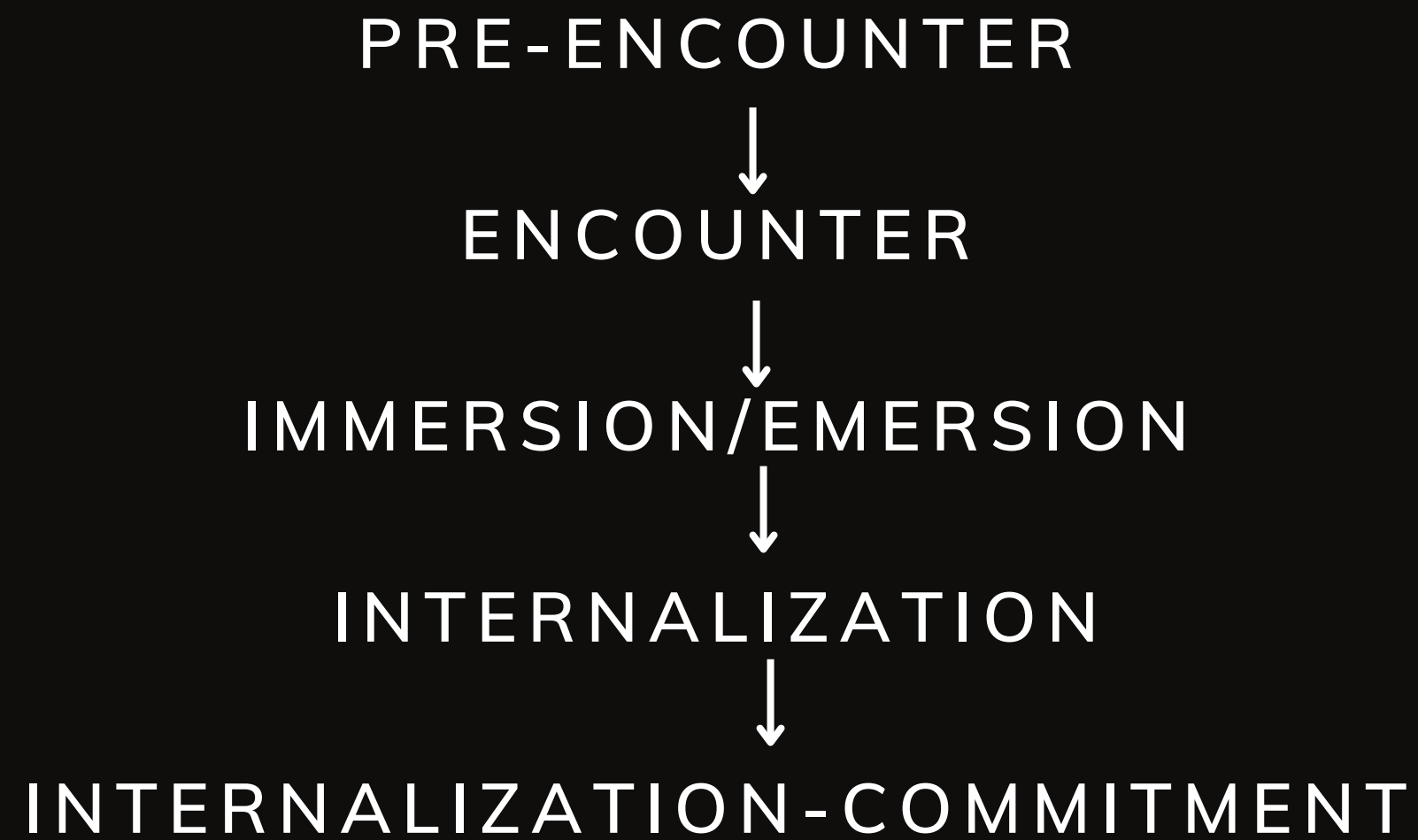
THE RESEARCHER EYERMAN SHOWED IN HIS WORK HOW CULTURAL TRAUMA BECOMES A VITAL COMPONENT OF A COLLECTIVE MEMORY OF BC.

THIS TRAUMA ISN'T JUST A THING OF THE PAST; IT HAS CONNECTIONS TO PERVASIVE STRUCTURAL, SYSTEMIC, AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM, WHICH HAS A SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ON BLACK PEOPLE IN THE US NOW.

FOR EXAMPLE, RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT AFRICAN AMERICANS HAVE THE HIGHEST RISK AND FREQUENCY OF POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER (PTSD) THAN ANY OTHER RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP.



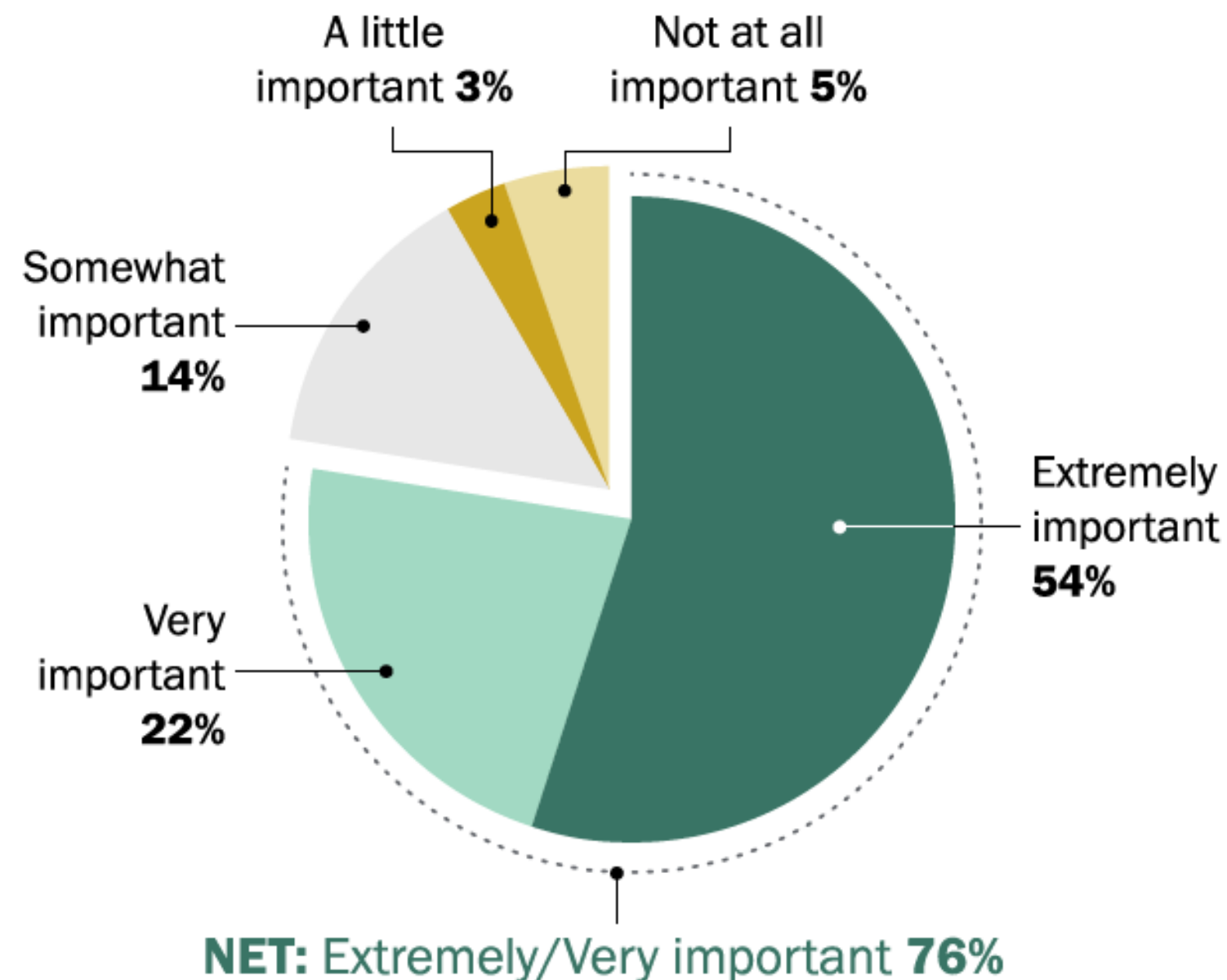
Nigrescence (the process of becoming Black) theory (William Cross)



Black Identity: a survey results

Most Black adults say being Black is very important to how they see themselves

% of Black adults who say being Black is ____ to how they think about themselves



BLACK AMERICANS SAY BEING BLACK IS EXTREMELY OR VERY IMPORTANT TO HOW THEY THINK ABOUT THEMSELVES, WITH ABOUT THREE-QUARTERS (76%) OVERALL SAYING SO.

RESOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER

Black Identity: a survey results

About half of Black adults say their fates are strongly linked with other Black people in the U.S.

% of Black adults who say that ...

Everything or most things that happen to the following affect their own life



BEYOND THE PERSONAL IMPORTANCE OF BLACKNESS – THAT IS, THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING BLACK TO PERSONAL IDENTITY – MANY BLACK AMERICANS FEEL CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER.

RESOURCE: PEW RESEARCH CENTER

I HAVE A DREAM THAT ONE DAY THIS NATION WILL RISE UP AND
LIVE OUT THE TRUE MEANING OF ITS CREED. WE HOLD THESE
TRUTHS TO BE SELF-EVIDENT, THAT ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL.

MARTIN LUTHER KING

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