

# News

## In Black and White: Key Findings of American's View on Race in 2019

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New research has revealed that 78 percent of African Americans believe the country has not gone far enough on the issue of making sure Blacks have equal rights with Whites.

Among Hispanics, 48 percent thought the country had not gone far enough while just 37 percent of White respondents thought that was true, according to a Pew Research analysis.

On the legacy of slavery, 84 percent of Blacks said slavery had "a great deal" or a "fair amount" of impact on the position of African Americans in society today.

A lower number of Whites, 58 percent agreed. And among His-

panics and Asians, the numbers were 67 percent and 69 percent respectively.

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Experts said those racial splits are pretty stark, but the picture changes dramatically when you look at the

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Whites were the only group where a majority, 52 percent, said the opposite was true – that the bigger problem is people seeing racism where it really does not exist.

same questions with White respondents broken into groups of self-identified Democrats and Republicans.

Among White Democrats, 64 percent of those surveyed said the country hasn't gone far enough in giving Black people equal rights.

But among White Republicans, only 15 percent say they hold that

view.

On the legacy of slavery, 80 percent of White Democrats said it's had a big impact, compared to 40 percent of White Republicans.

And 78 percent of White Democrats said people not seeing discrimination is a bigger problem than people seeing racism where it really doesn't exist.

With White Republicans, that figure is 22 percent.

Summarily, White Democrats look a lot more like African-American respondents than

they look like White Republicans. And the same kinds of differences appear when looking at how people view racial equality in real-life circumstances.

“When asked about specific situations they may have experienced because of their race or ethnicity, Blacks are much more likely than other racial and ethnic groups to report that people have acted as if they were suspicious of them or as if they thought they weren't smart; that employers have treated them unfairly in hiring,

pay or promotion; and that they have been unfairly stopped by police,” Anna Brown, a research analyst focusing on social and demographic trends at Pew Research Center, wrote in the report.

“Meanwhile, Whites are the most likely to say that people have assumed they were racist or prejudiced because of their race or ethnicity, while Asians are more likely than other groups to say they have been subject to slurs and jokes,” Brown said.

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hate, this implies they share the same beliefs. Washington state deserves leaders that will advocate for peace and respect differences, not attack them.”

The Coalition statement makes it clear that the nature of this rally is known by who is scheduled to speak. “These groups, including Patriot Prayer and Washington III% are anti-government extremists who threaten community safety and undermine our democratic institutions. Their rallies throughout the Pacific Northwest have attracted white nationalist groups including Identity Evropa, who helped organize the deadly Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, VA in 2017, and the racist, sexist paramilitary group the Proud Boys.”

The unifying message of the organizations making up this coalition – whether they are faith-

based or issue focused – is clear. “Our state is a beautiful place, with tremendous diversity and a range of beliefs. Faith Action Network advocates at the legislature so

all of us have a safe place to live, free of violence and fear. We are asking people to stay away from the rally on the 27th as its aim is to divide us, not unite us,” said Paul Benz.



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