



# SYSTEMIC RACISM

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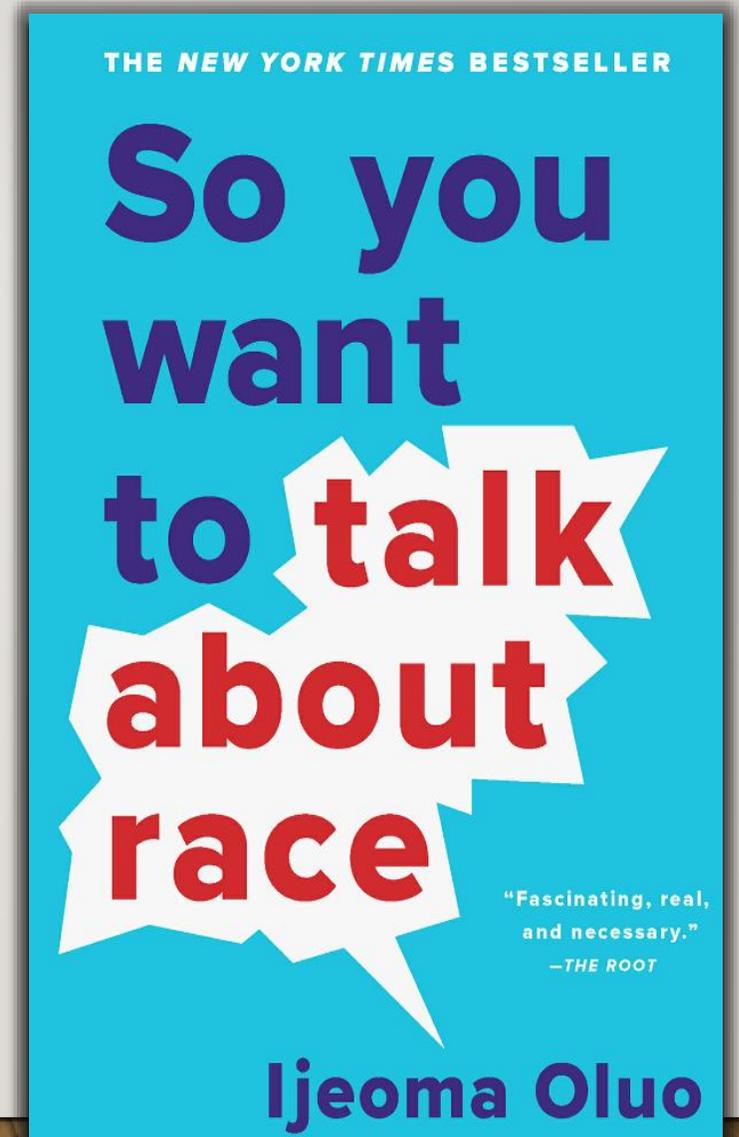
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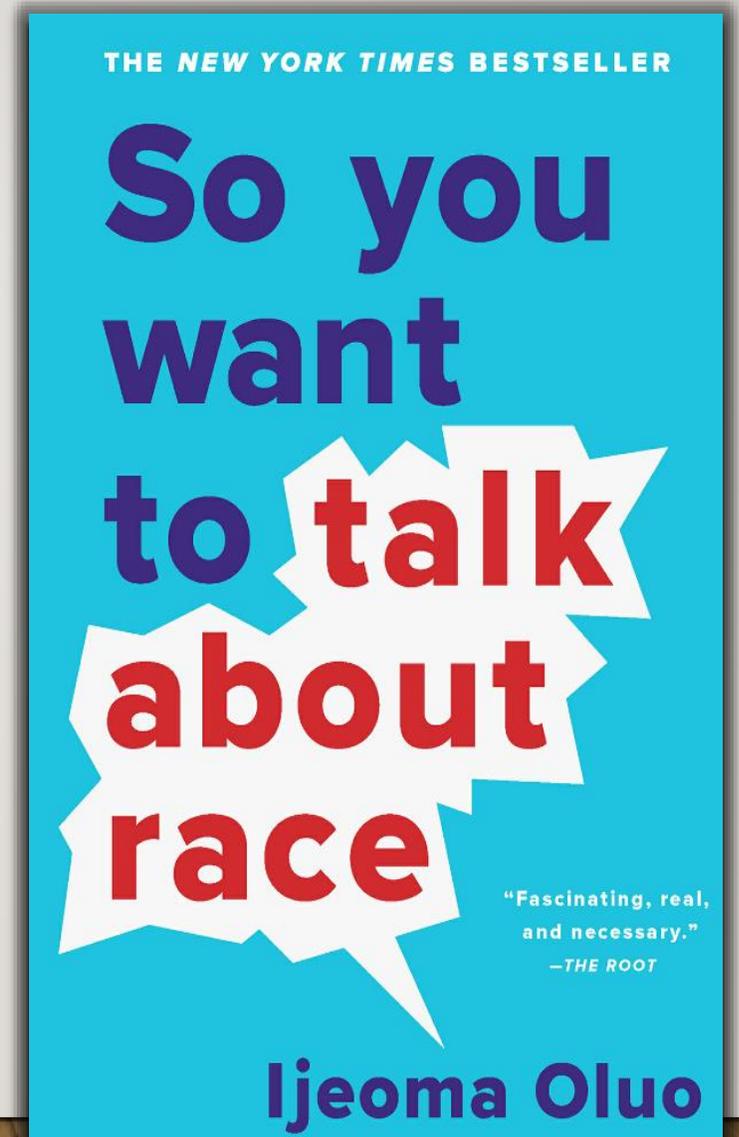
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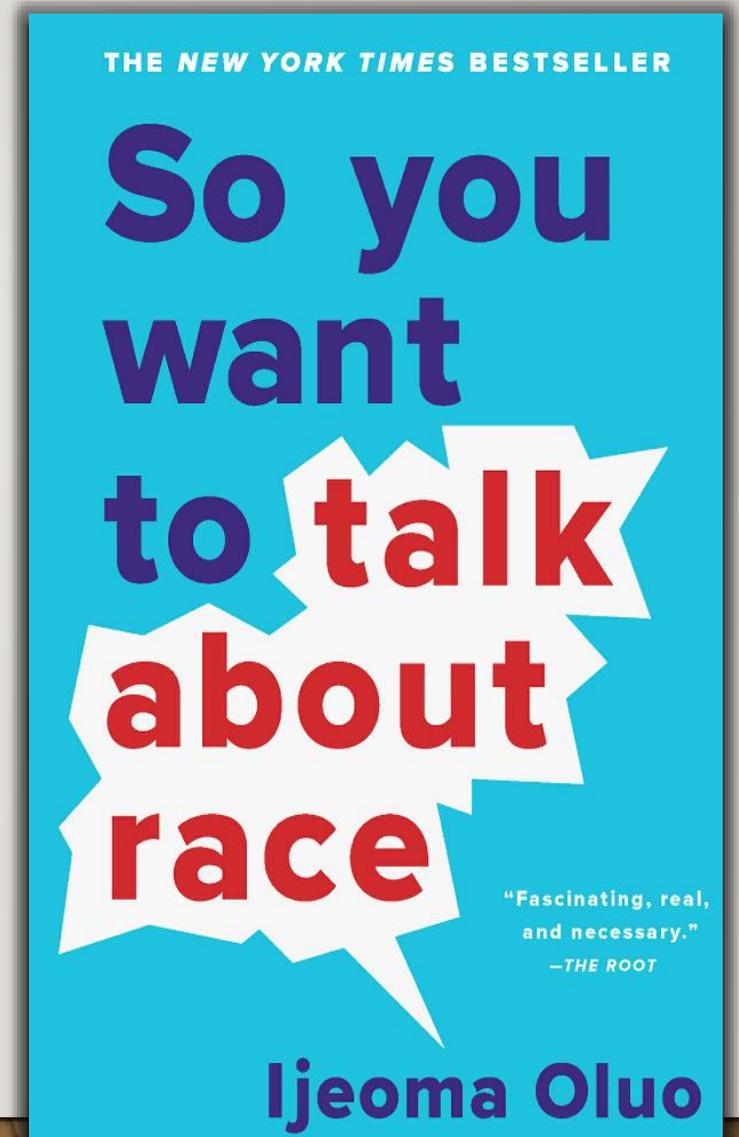




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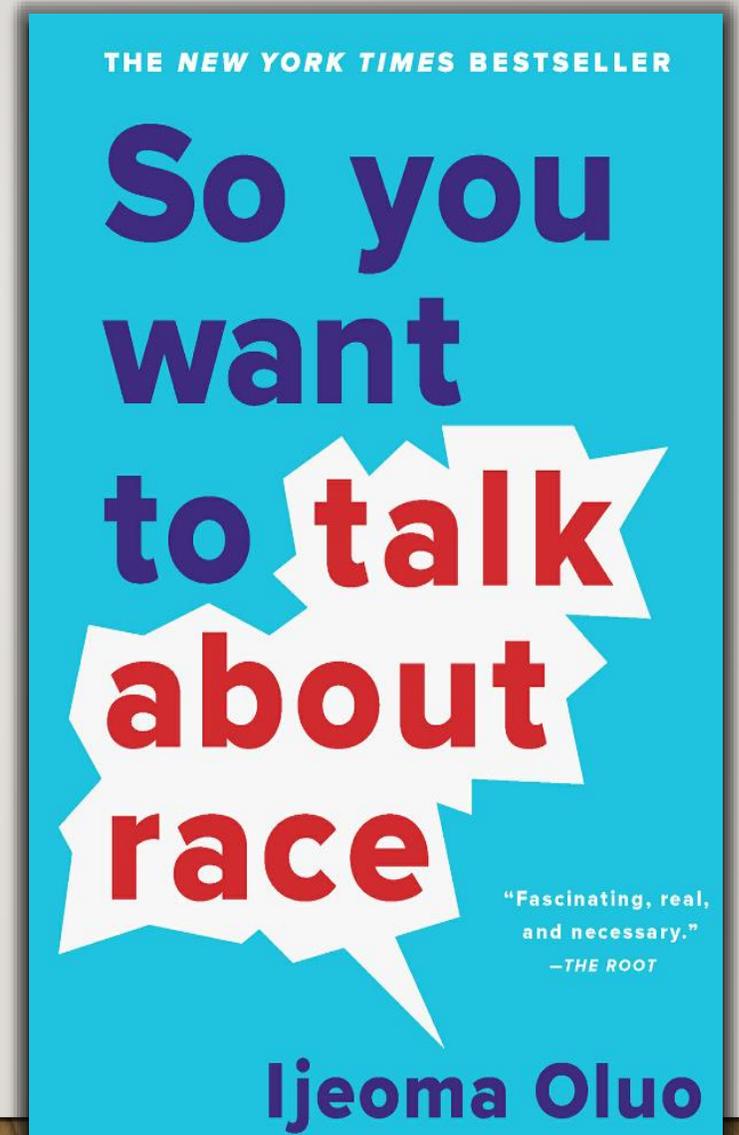


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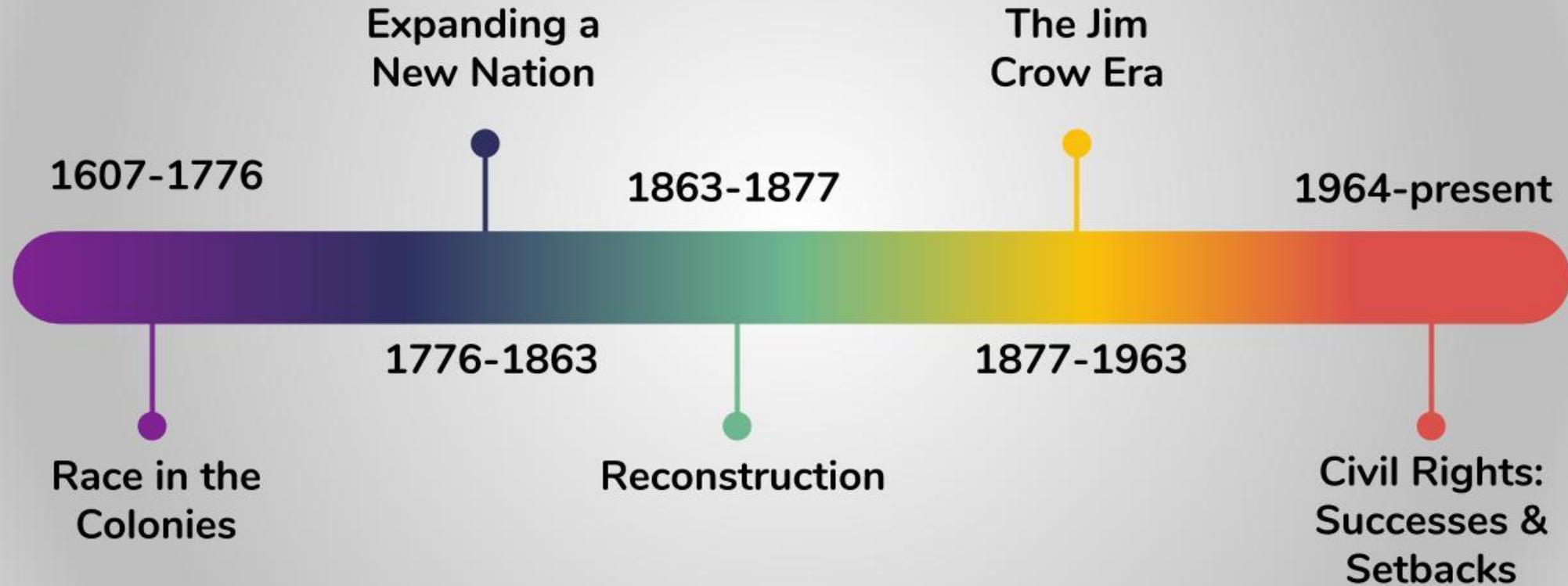
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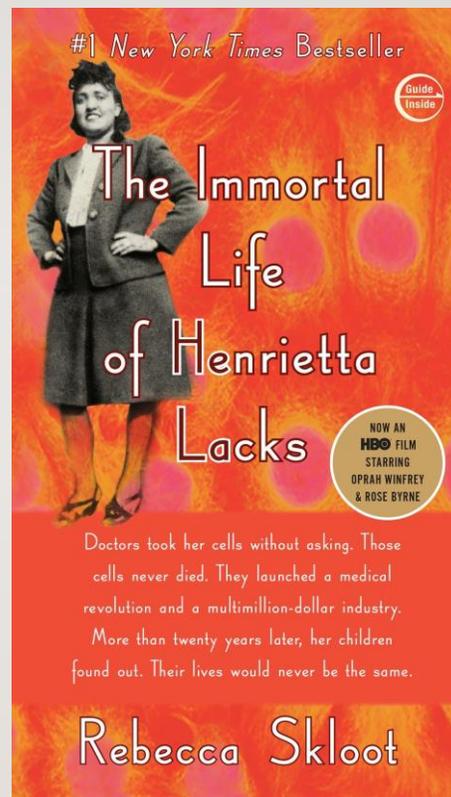
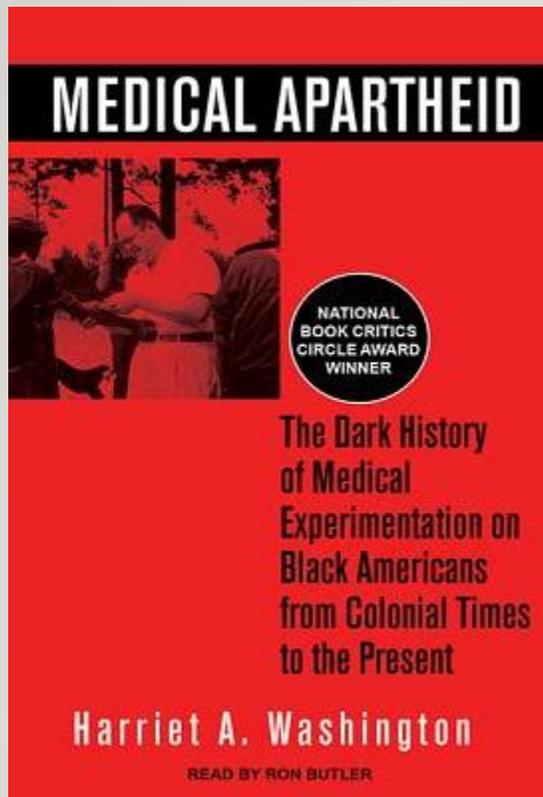
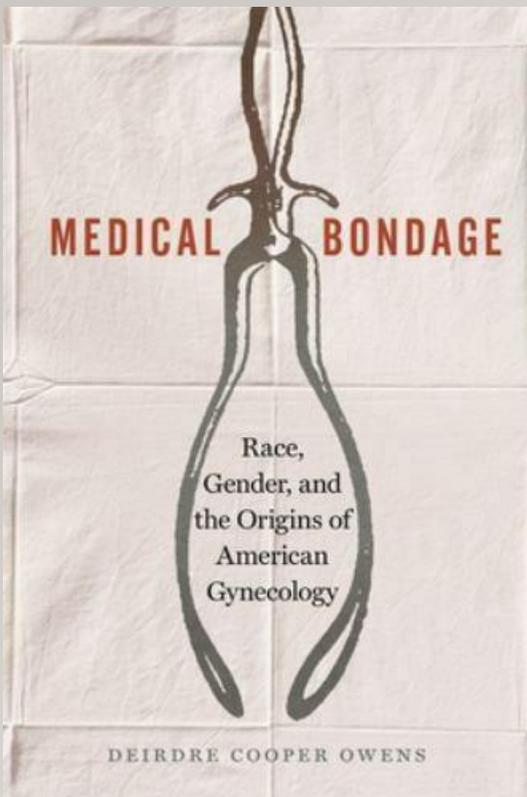
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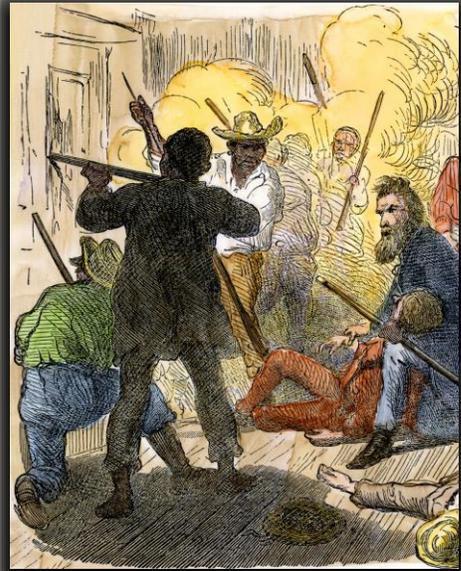




**Systemic Racism** in medicine, from slave cabins on southern plantations to clinics, hospitals and medical colleges in northern urban centers illustrate how race, gender and health influenced doctor-patient relationships



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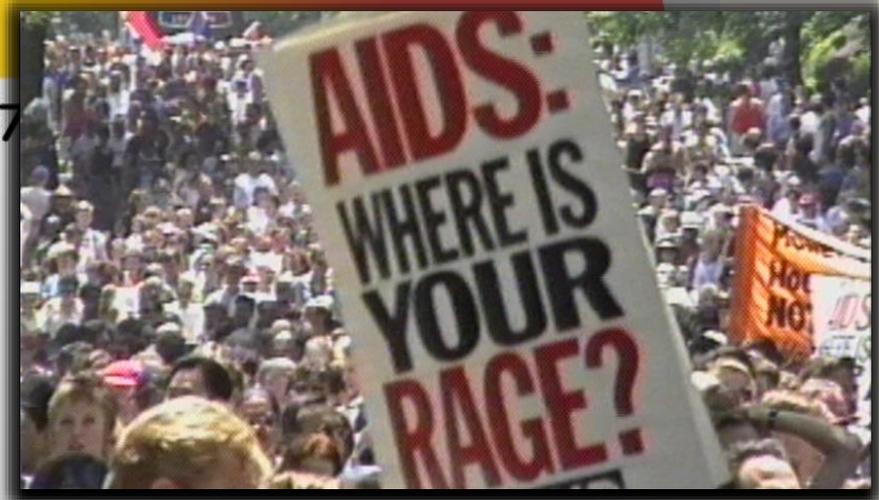
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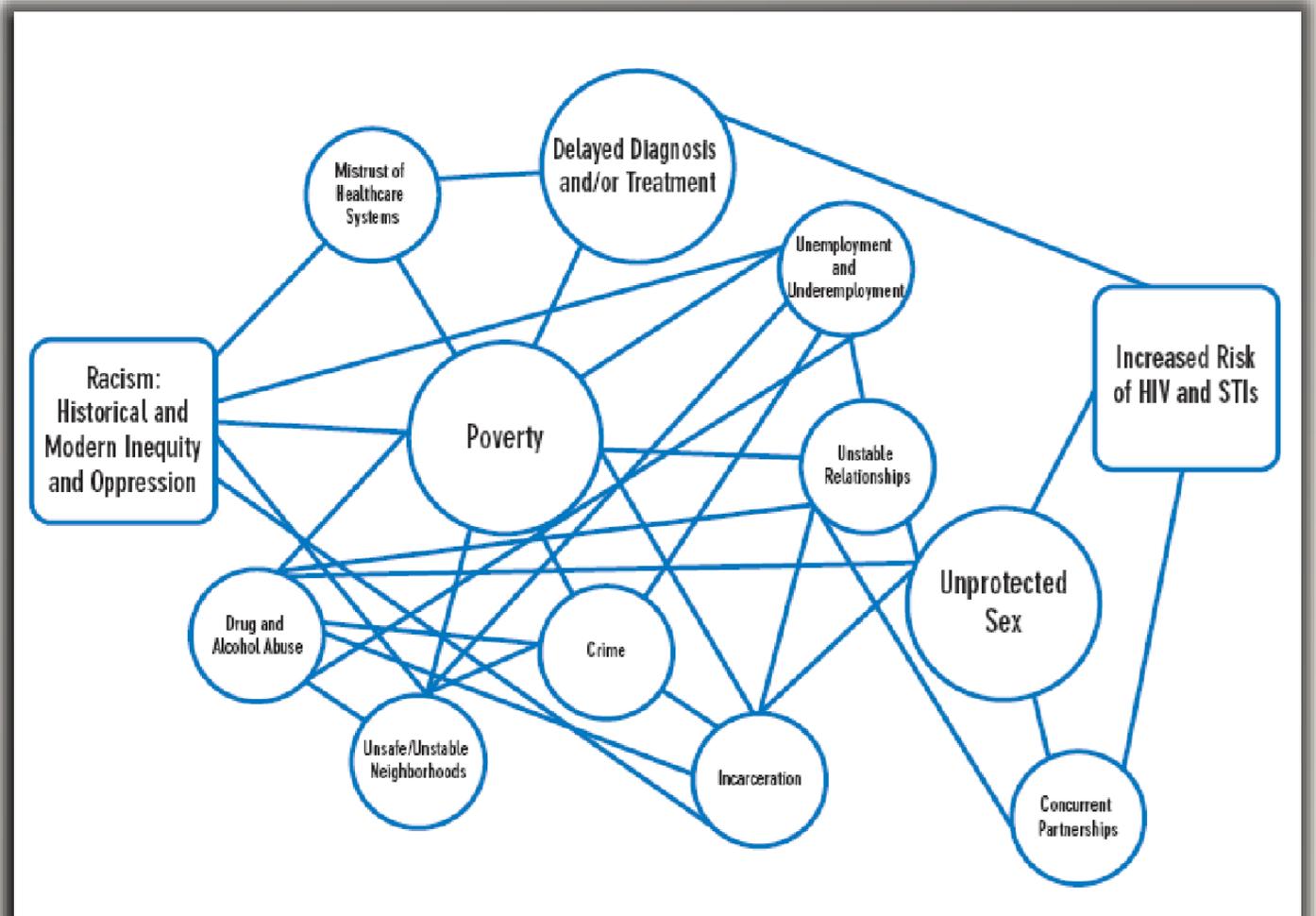


# SYSTEMIC RACISM AND UNEQUAL RISK OF HIV INFECTION

“Research has shown that even when risk factors are equal or less, sexually active minority youth face a higher risk of HIV and STIs.”

The people in their "pool" of sexual partners are more likely to be HIV positive or have an STI, raising the odds of infection. **But why?**

“**Racism** is the most significant contributor. Racism is intertwined with underemployment and unemployment, decreased access to medical care, and with incarceration.”



# CHIPTS

Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services

## THE IMPACT OF SYSTEMIC RACISM ON CURRENT PREP UPTAKE IN BLACK AND LATINX COMMUNITIES:

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### Ending the HIV Epidemic

A Plan for America



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