

BUILDING BLOCKS FOR A BETTER CHICAGO

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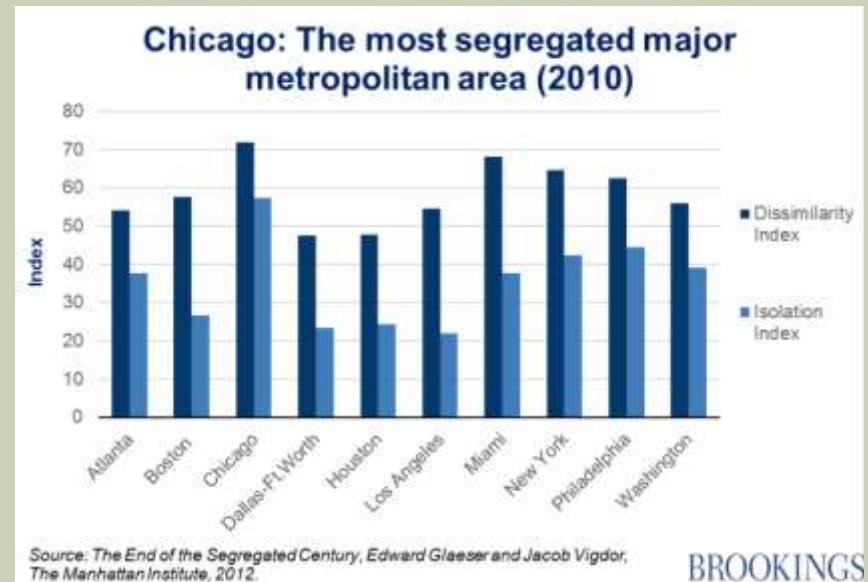
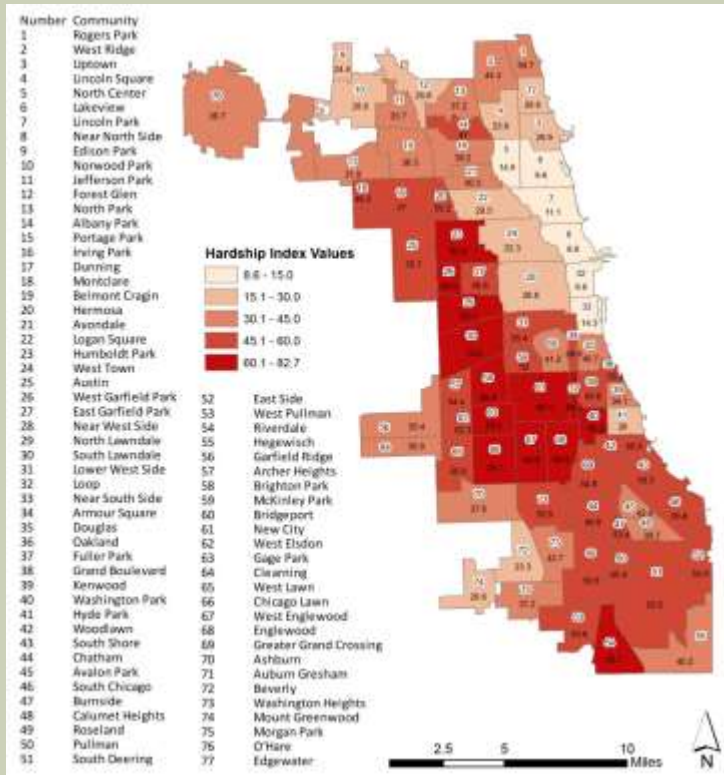
THE ISSUE

- Chicago has long been known as a racially segregated city.
- Chicago has crippling wealth and income inequality.
- Much of the wealth is concentrated in small enclaves in the north side and loop.
- Disparities most common in the south sides and west side.
- Such disparity is the cause of many of the social ills Chicago suffered for decades.
- If this issue is not addressed, Chicago might become a powder keg.

THE DATA

Economic hardship index shows stark inequality across Chicago

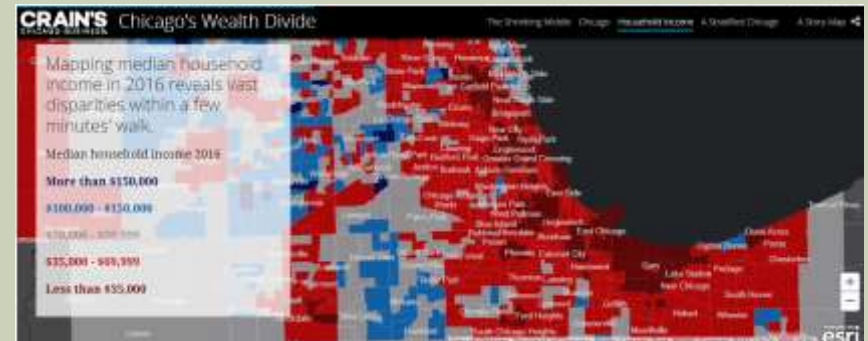
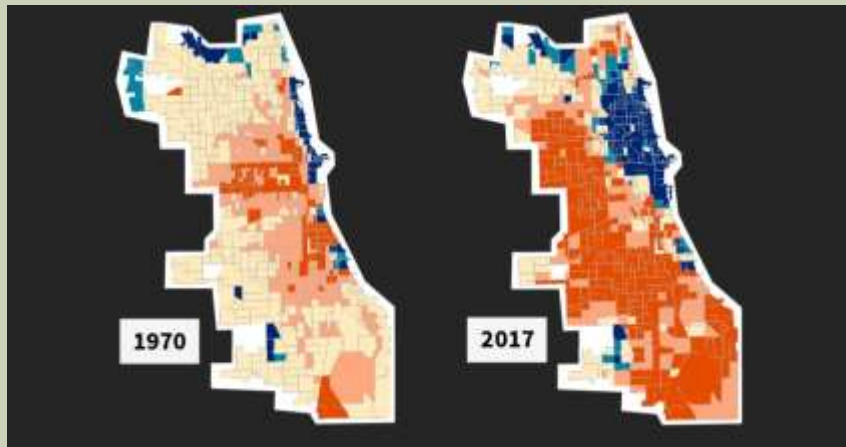
Chicago, where tensions are running high following the release of the video showing the killing of Laquan McDonald, is the most segregated major metropolitan area in the U.S.:



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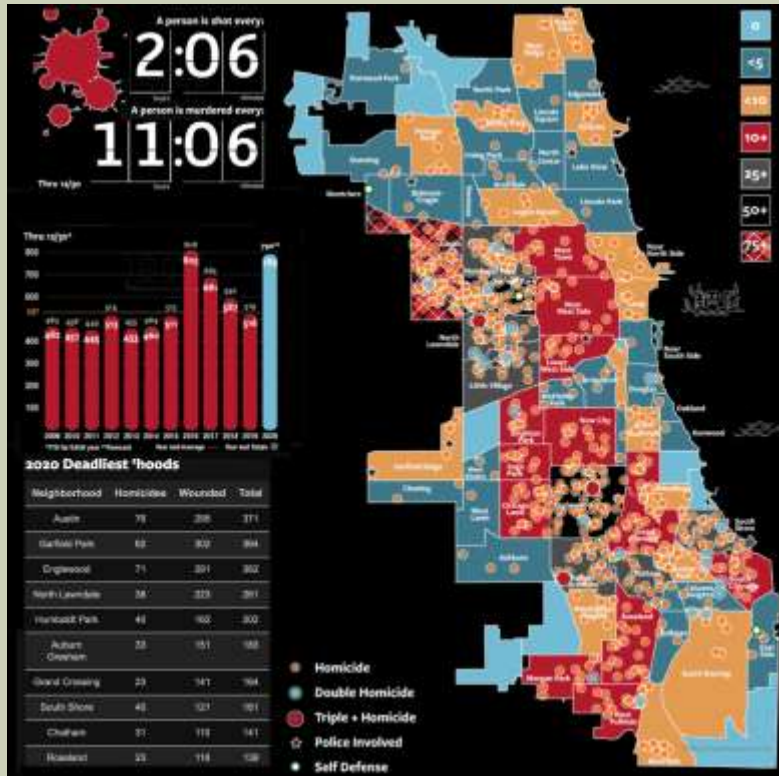
Half of Chicago's census tracts were considered middle income in 1970. Today, that's down to 16 percent.

Much of Chicago neighborhoods includes those of the lowest income brackets.

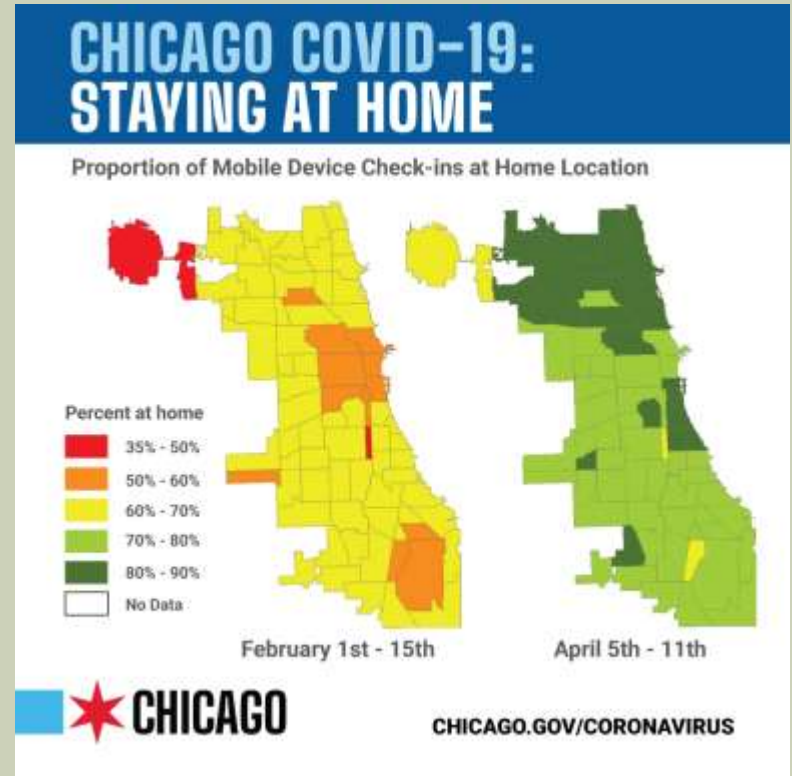


THE DATA

Homicides in Chicago in 2020



A tale of two Chicagos: The South and West sides have different pandemic priorities than the North Side



THE SOLUTION

- To provide excellent education and training to even beyond college to underserved and underprivileged communities of Chicago.
- To give economic empowerment from access to well paying and middle-class jobs and financial freedom to the underserved and underprivileged communities of Chicago.
- To build a blooming and thriving social environment from safe and booming neighborhoods to family building to underserved and underprivileged communities of Chicago.

MISSION STATEMENT

- To provide education, economic empowerment and societal change to the underserved and underprivileged communities of Chicago in order to build a better Chicago as whole.



LOCATIONS

- 644 E 79th St,
Chicago, IL 60619
- 5017 S Blackstone
Ave, Chicago, IL
60615
- Both in south side
Chicago
- Looking to expand.



WHAT WE DO

After School
Programs

College
education

Family planning
and health
programs

Building
businesses

Adult
education

Degree
completion

Neighborhood
watches

Gang resolution

Job training
and Summer
Jobs

Job search

Environmental
awareness

Justice
programs

Financial
education

Cultural
renewal



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INFLUENCE AND SIMILAR PROGRAMS



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