

# The State of the Dream 2004

## A Quiz from United for a Fair Economy

Martin Luther King dreamed of a country purged of black-white economic disparity. In the 35 years since his death, how close are we to realizing that dream?

1. The typical Black family earned 60% as much income as a white family in 1968. In 2003 blacks earn \_\_\_% as much as whites.  
A. 74% as much  
B. 67% as much  
C. 58%as much

2. In 2001 the median white family net worth was \$121,000. What was it for the typical black family?  
A. \$62,000  
B. \$37,000  
C. \$19,000

3. Today for every dollar of a white person's income, blacks earn 57 cents. How does this compare to 1968?  
A. 55 cents in 1968  
B. 46 cents in 1968  
C. 38 cents in 1968

4. On average, a black high school graduate would earn how much less during his/her working life (age 25 to 64) than a white high school graduate?  
A. \$500,000  
B. \$300,000  
C. \$150,000

5. White home ownership jumped from 65% to 75% since 1970. In 1970 black home ownership was 42%. What is it today?  
A. 40%  
B. 48%  
C. 52%



6. In 1968, 30% of blacks (age 25 and older) were high school graduates compared to 55% of whites. In 2002, \_\_\_% of blacks age 25 and older graduated from high school compared to 89% of whites.  
A. 59%  
B. 68%  
C. 79%

7. Poverty rates for seniors have improved generally since 1968. At that time 23% of white seniors lived in poverty, compared to 48% (more than double) for blacks. In 2002 poverty rates for whites over 65 was 8%, while that for blacks was \_\_\_%.  
A. 24% (three times)  
B. 17% (double)  
C. 12% (one and one half times)

- growing for all Americans since 1974, and it is well known that African Americans are incarcerated more often than whites. What is the current ration of black to white incarceration?  
A. Ten to one  
B. Six to one  
C. Four to one

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8. Rates of imprisonment have been

4. B	8. B
3. A	7. A
2. C	6. C
1. C	5. B
Answers:	