



The Future of Chocolate City

What does the future hold for Black residents of a rapidly gentrifying DC?

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In Washington, DC, gentrification is displacing Black residents from a city once called Chocolate

What do we mean when we talk about gentrification? Simply put, gentrification is the process of changing a neighborhood influx of more affluent residents and businesses, frequently displacing residents and changing the demographics of a neighborhood. Gentrification typically increases the economic value of a place, but this often comes at the expense of the neighborhood's character.

In a city like Washington, DC rising home prices mean many residents, regardless of race, are moving to neighborhoods with lower home prices. They bring higher incomes to that neighborhood and attract new businesses and development. Home prices rise and long-time residents may be priced out of a home they own or rent. Without thoughtful development or mitigation efforts to the current residents of a neighborhood, such rapid change often comes at the detriment of long-time residents.

