

NAACP

"Of all the forms of inequality, injustice in healthcare is the most shocking and inhumane." Martin Luther King

THE LANCET Comments on American children, race and well being. The Lancet, a well known and respected British medical journal commented in an editorial dated July 2016. Despite a half century of since the Civil Rights movement and the initiation of federal attempts to address racism and inequality, significant gaps remain. In 2014, 37% of black children lived in poverty as opposed to 12% of white children.

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Social Determinants of Health

Much of our health can be traced to our own behavior and choices. What and how much we eat, how much we exercise and our habits regarding alcohol, tobacco or other substances affect us more than other determinants of health. We can't do anything about our genetics as we play the hand we are dealt. Environmental factors can be affected at the policy level when we contact our elected representatives at the city, state and national levels . There is currently a debate about healthcare coverage in our country . Presently there are more Americans WITH healthcare than at any time in our history. Some would prefer to return to a time with far fewer Americans covered. Let your voice be heard by those making decisions.

