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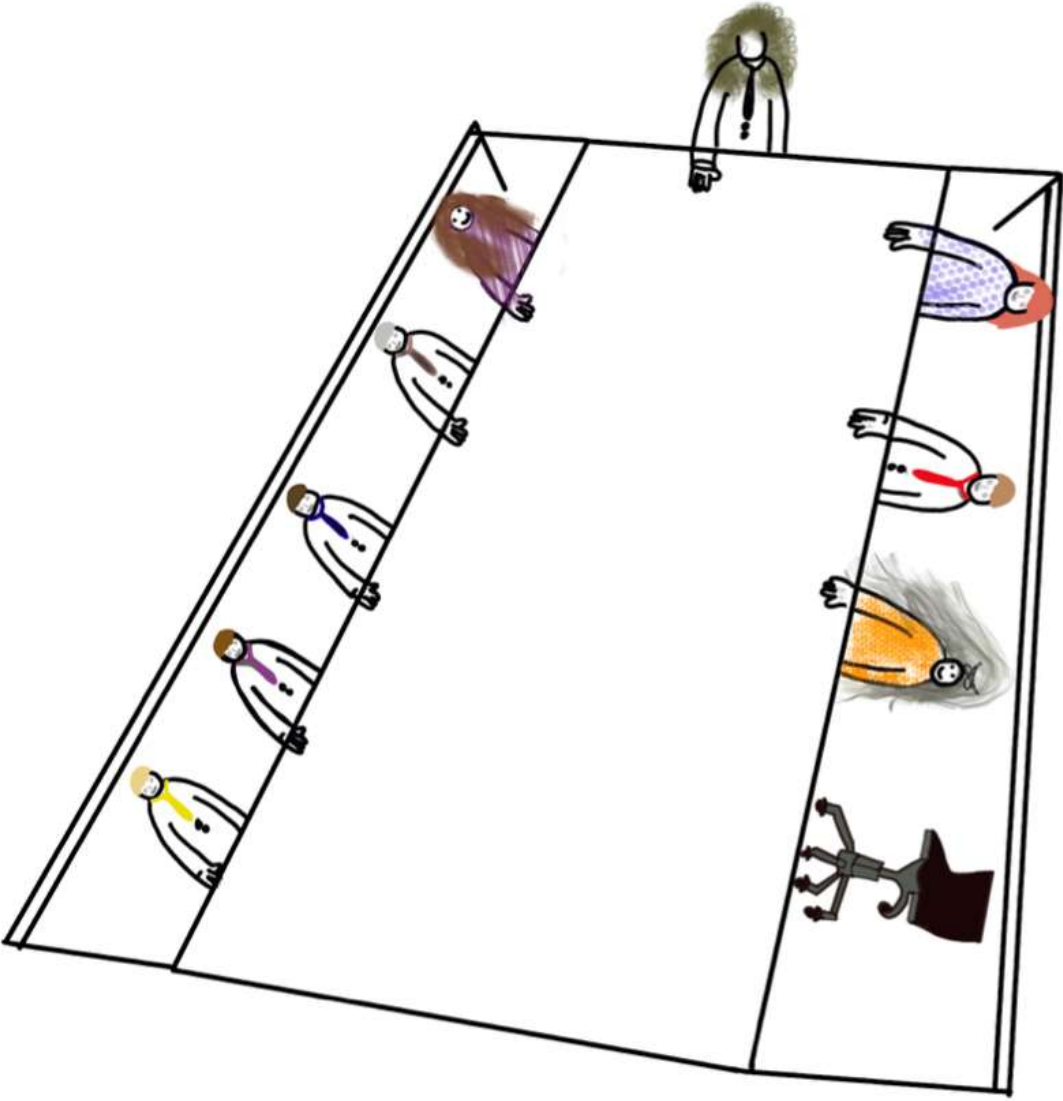


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"If they don't
give you a seat
at the table,
bring a
folding chair."

- Shirley Chisholm





Levittown, Long Island

In the 1950's

A total of 17,477
houses

\$7,000 each



Currently

Each house valued, on average, at
\$560,000

Still over 80% white

Impact of Redlining

Older Black and Hispanic Adults

Poverty

>50% fall below
200% of the poverty
line

Population

In 2017- African Americans
made up 9% of the older
population

By 2060- expected to grow
to \approx 13%

retirement

- A history of mortgage market discrimination means that blacks are significantly less likely to be homeowners...
- ...less access to the savings and tax benefits that come with owning a home...
- ...persistent labor market discrimination and segregation provides fewer and less advantageous employment opportunities...
- ...less access to stable jobs, good wages, and retirement benefits at work—all key drivers by which American families gain access to savings...
- ...the current tax code favors families with higher incomes with increased tax incentives associated with both housing and retirement savings...
- ...lower incomes mean fewer tax benefits—even if they are homeowners or have retirement savings...

Disrupting Whiteness

Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed if it is not faced – James Baldwin