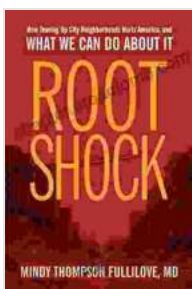


How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It

In his groundbreaking book, "How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It," renowned urban planner and activist Richard Rothstein exposes the devastating consequences of urban renewal and gentrification on American cities and their residents.

Through a meticulous examination of historical data, case studies, and firsthand accounts, Rothstein paints a vivid picture of the systematic destruction of thriving Black and brown neighborhoods in cities across the country. He traces the roots of this problem back to the racist policies of the early 20th century, such as redlining and restrictive covenants, which segregated communities and limited access to housing, education, and economic opportunities for people of color.



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The book not only documents the damage caused by urban renewal and gentrification but also provides a roadmap for how we can undo their harmful legacy. Rothstein proposes a series of bold and innovative solutions, including:

- Investing in affordable housing and community development
- Providing reparations to communities that have been harmed by past policies
- Reforming zoning laws to promote racial and economic integration
- Encouraging community ownership and control over land and housing

"How Tearing Up City Neighborhoods Hurts America and What We Can Do About It" is a powerful and urgent call to action. It is essential reading for anyone concerned about the future of our cities and the well-being of all Americans. With its meticulous research, compelling storytelling, and transformative vision, Rothstein's book offers a roadmap for creating more just, equitable, and thriving communities for all.

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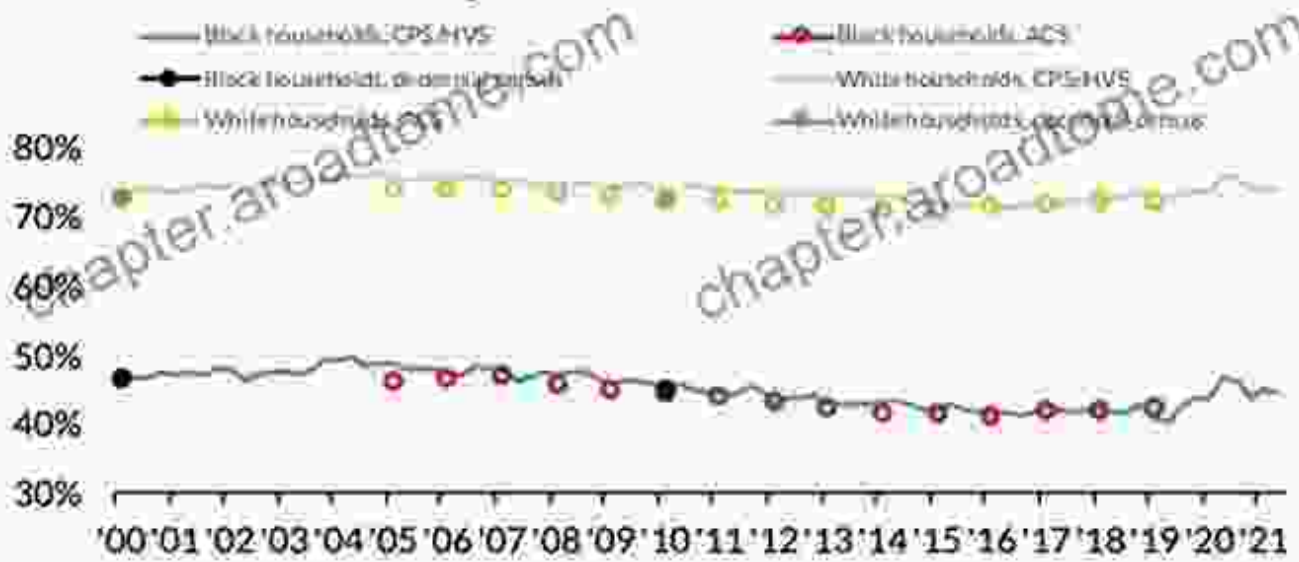
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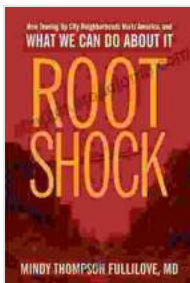


Black and White Homeownership Rates Vary across the Most Commonly Cited Datasets



Sources: The Current Population Survey/Housing Vacancies and Homeownership (CPS/HVS) dataset; the American Community Survey (ACS), and the decennial census.

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