
Socio-Economic impact of the US Presidential election

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Abstract

With the election of Donald Trump as President, black Americans, progressive Americans and many others, watch the heavy rock of progress against racism, sexism, homophobia, soulless lack of compassion for the poor and defenseless, roll back down the hill – perhaps to where we were in the 1960's, or the 1950's or the 1800's.

Collectively we have grown complacent about the enormous progress that has been made over the past 150 years. It was only 151 years ago that black Americans were emancipated from race-based slavery. It has not been 100 years that women have had the right to vote. Gender equality is a child in its infancy, and the first strides to eliminating homophobia are also baby steps compared to the vile, virulent and violent assaults on those who are "other" by reason whom they choose to love.

In this conference presentation we propose to review socio-economic indicators that relate to economic stability and assess how President Trumps' vision for increasing the state's role in government impacts the black community. We will use recent data analyses from special projects in our Dubois Center for Public Policy and the Center for Law and Social Justice.
