

# The Black American

What Does That Look Like?

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## Research Question

The life of a black american, what does that look like?

What are the factors that cause black men and women to feel like they are endangered? How can a society of different cultures establish a balance that allows the black body to feel free in America?



**Blackness is one of the most grounded foundations that we see out in the world today but it is so easily overlooked by individuals that feel like it doesn't belong in a system they created. Without the equitable inclusion of black culture in society, this isn't the land of the free...but it can be.**

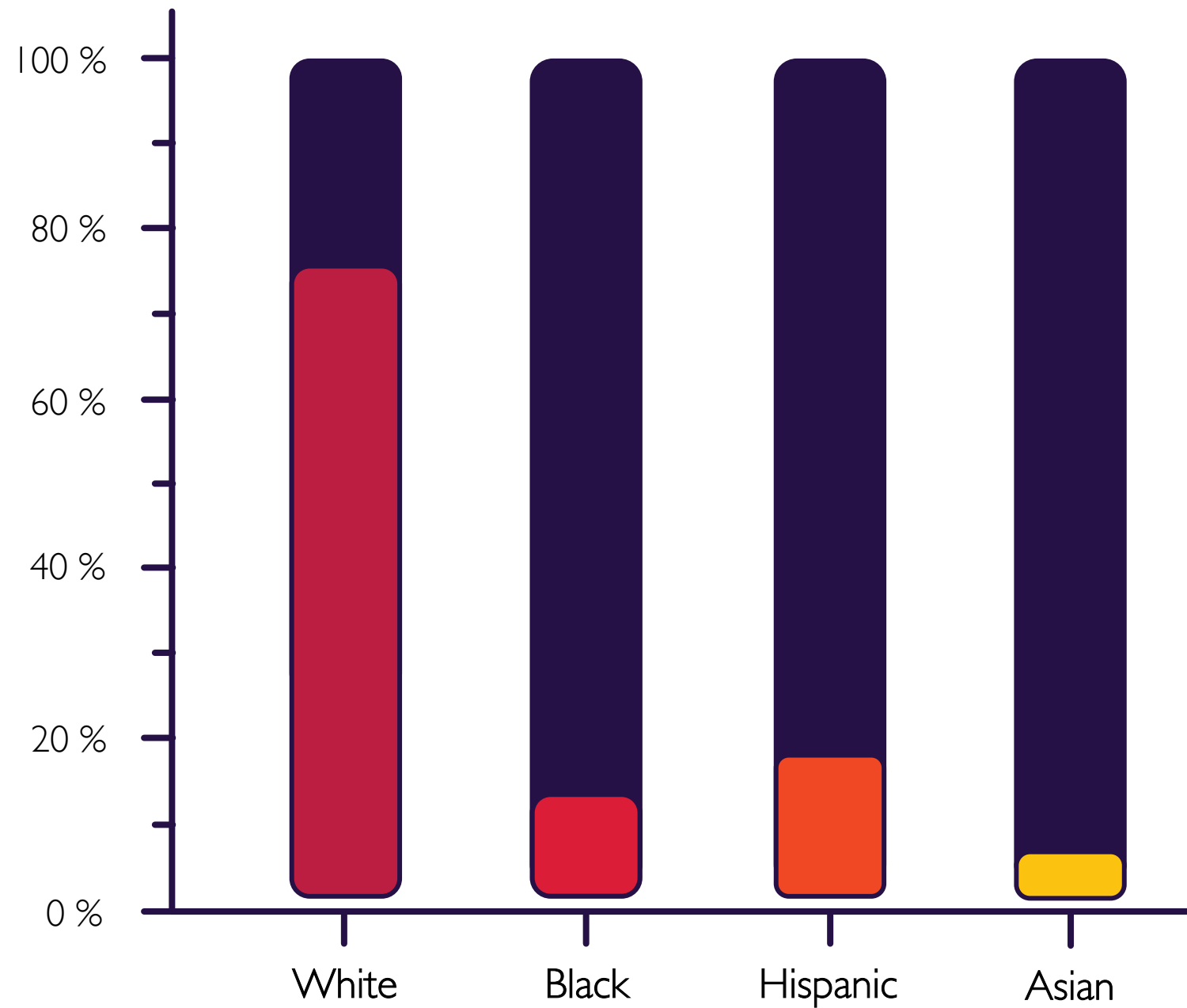


**I believe that this nation can only heal from the wounds of racism if we all begin to love blackness. And by that I don't mean that we love only that which is best within us, but that we're also able to love that which is faltering, which is wounded, which is contradictory, incomplete.**

- bell hooks



## United States Population by Race



**Total United States Population**  
331,650,966 People

White: **76.3%** of American population

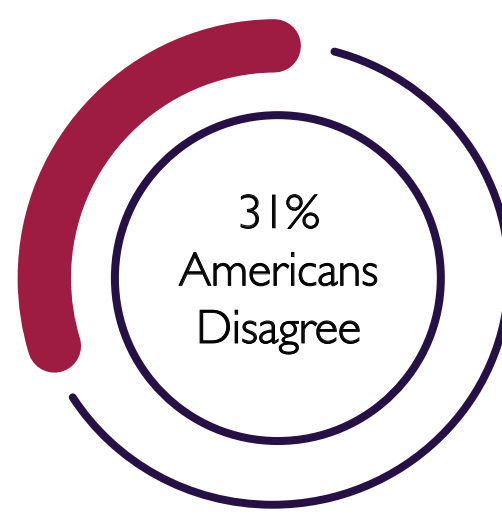
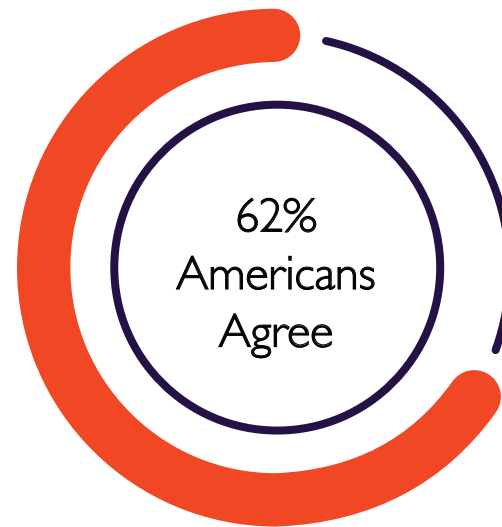
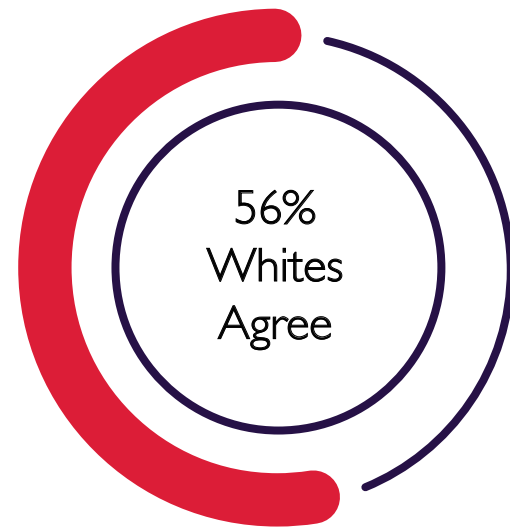
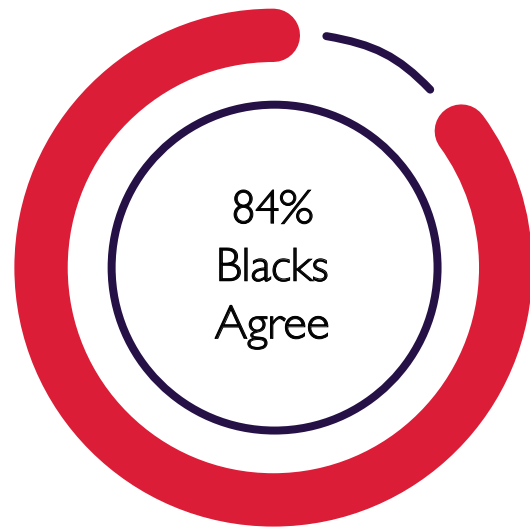
Black: **13.4%** of American population

Hispanic: **18.5%** of American population

Asian: **5.9%** of American population

[United States Census Bureau](#)

## Black People Who Experience Discrimination



**A survey done from May 21-27, 2020 asking nearly 500,000 Americans if they think black people experience discrimination**

**84%** of African American respondents said black people contend with discrimination a lot or a great deal, while, **56%** of white respondents agreed.

**96%** of Americans acknowledged, to varying degrees, that black people face discrimination.

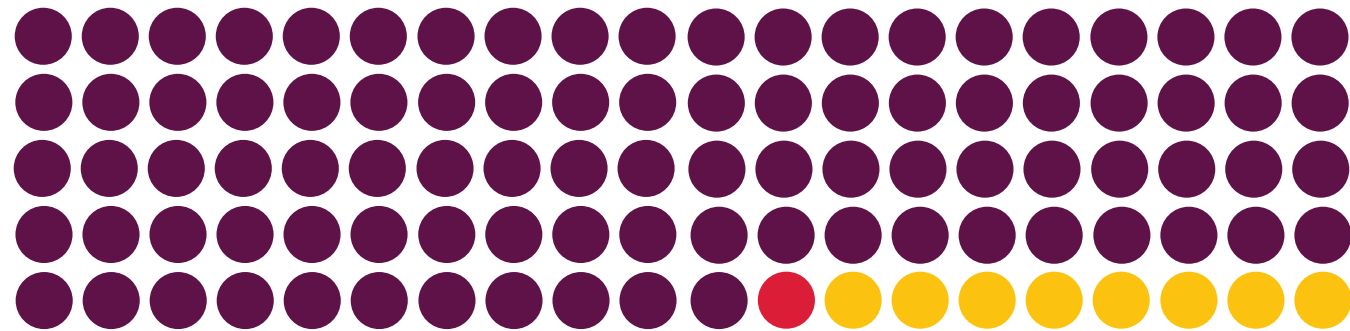
**47%** of Americans said that generations of systemic racism, including slavery and discrimination, have created conditions that make it difficult for black Americans to get ahead. But **31%** of Americans disagree.

[The Democracy Fund and UCLA Nationscape Project](#)

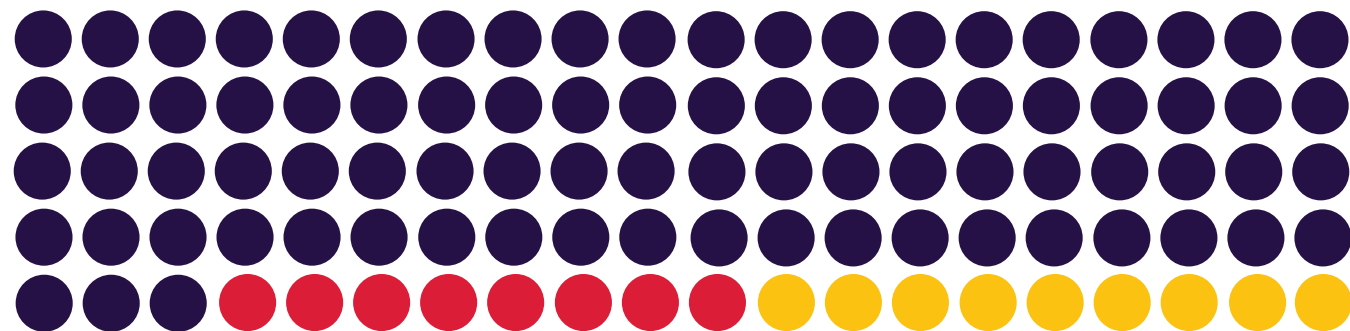
## Inter-racial Friendships

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The average **white** American has **91** white friends



The average **black** American has **83** black friends



It has been said that **70%** of white Americans don't have a single black friend in their circle

The average black person's friend network is **8%** percent white, but the average white person's network is only **1%** percent black.

A full **75%** of whites have entirely white social networks without any minority presence.

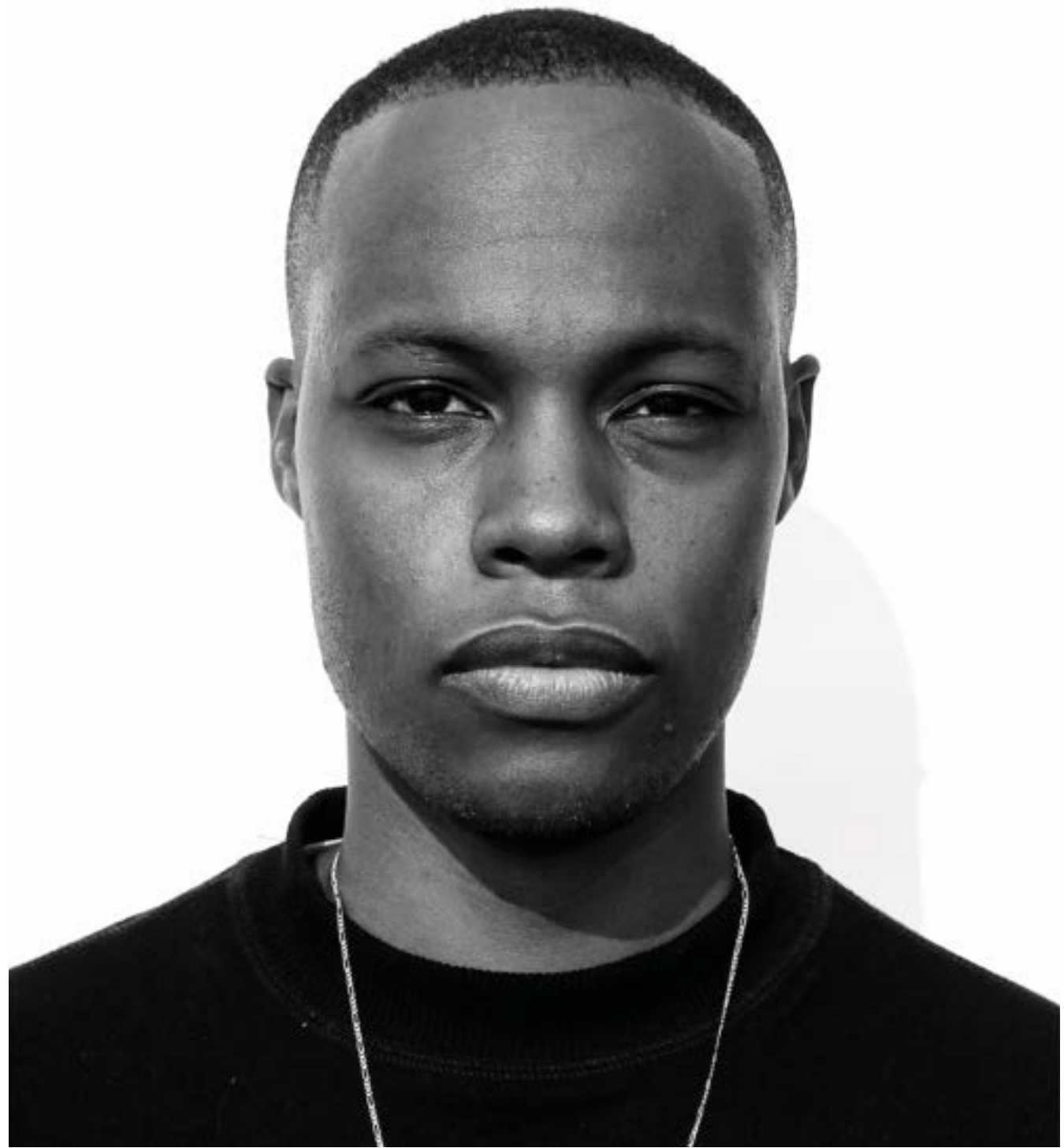
The average white American has **1** black friend and **7** friends of other races out of **100** friends

The average black American has **8** white friends and **9** friends of other races out of **100** friends

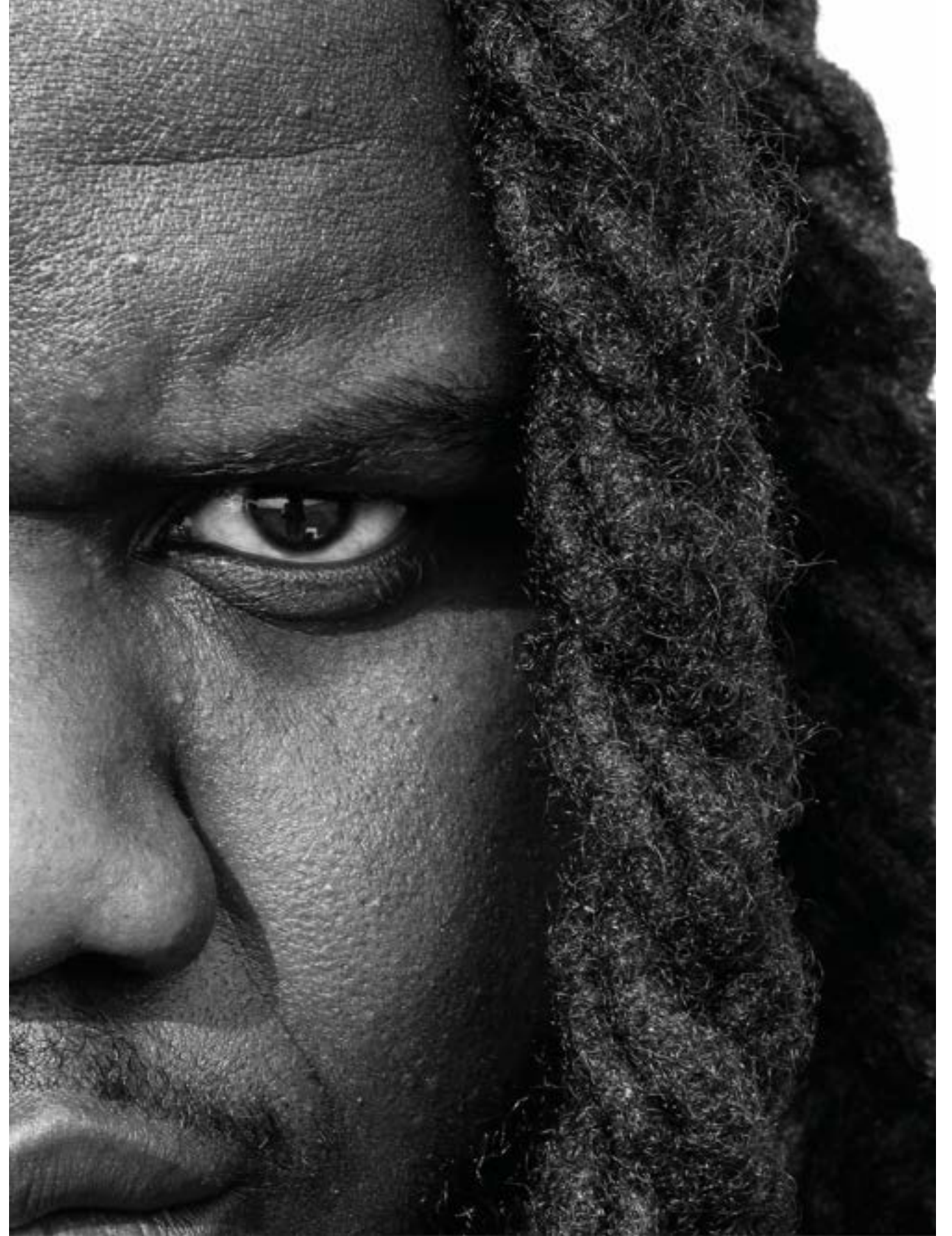
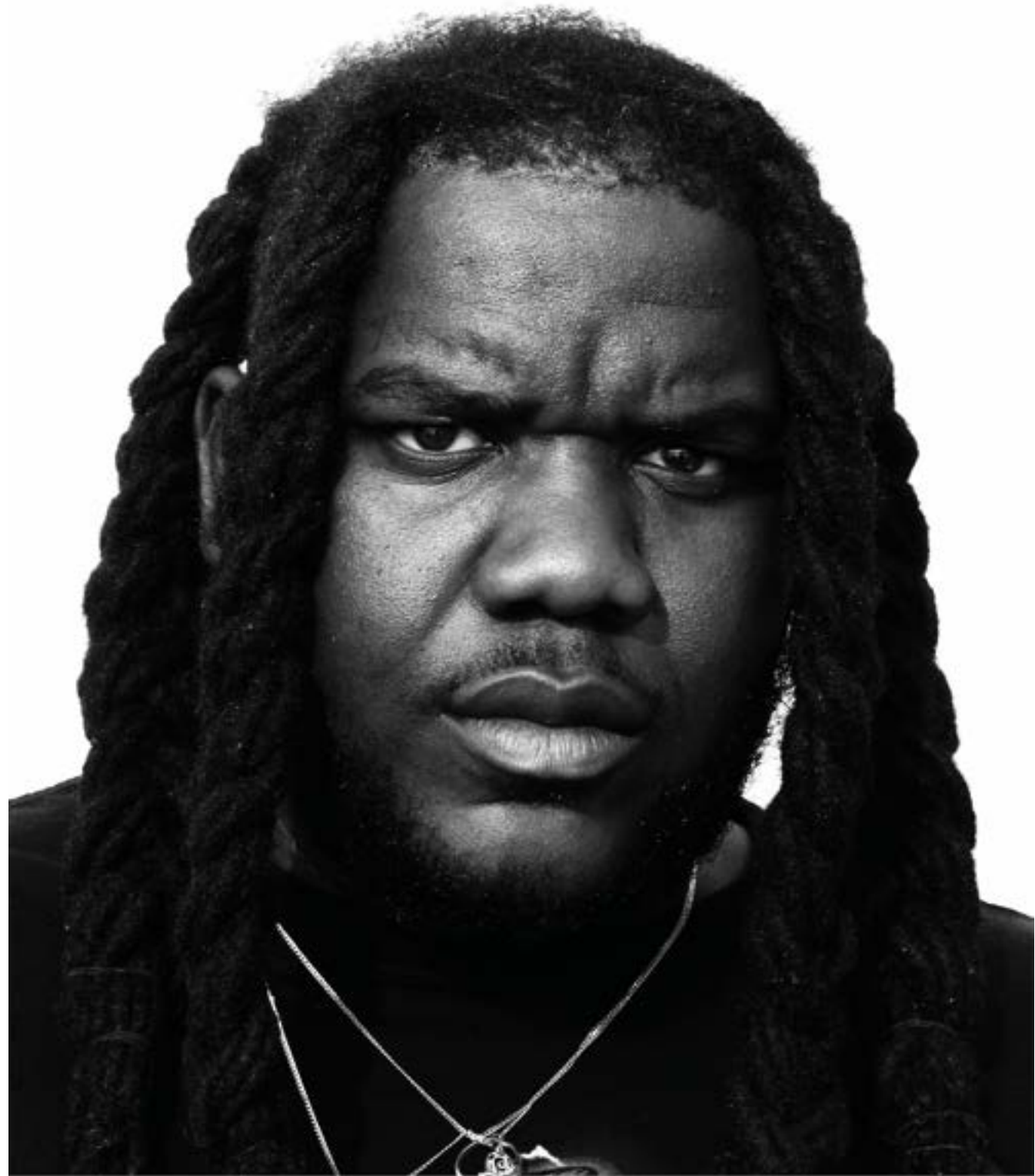
**“By courageously looking, we defiantly declared: ‘Not only will I stare. I want my look to change reality’”**

bell hooks, *The Oppositional Gaze*, 1992, p. 116











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**We must fight so that there won't continue to be tragedy after tragedy that places chains engrained with fear on the bodies of the oppressed. It is not about how one can exercise power over another, but how groups must live amongst one another in a way of experiencing true freedom in the "land of the free."**



